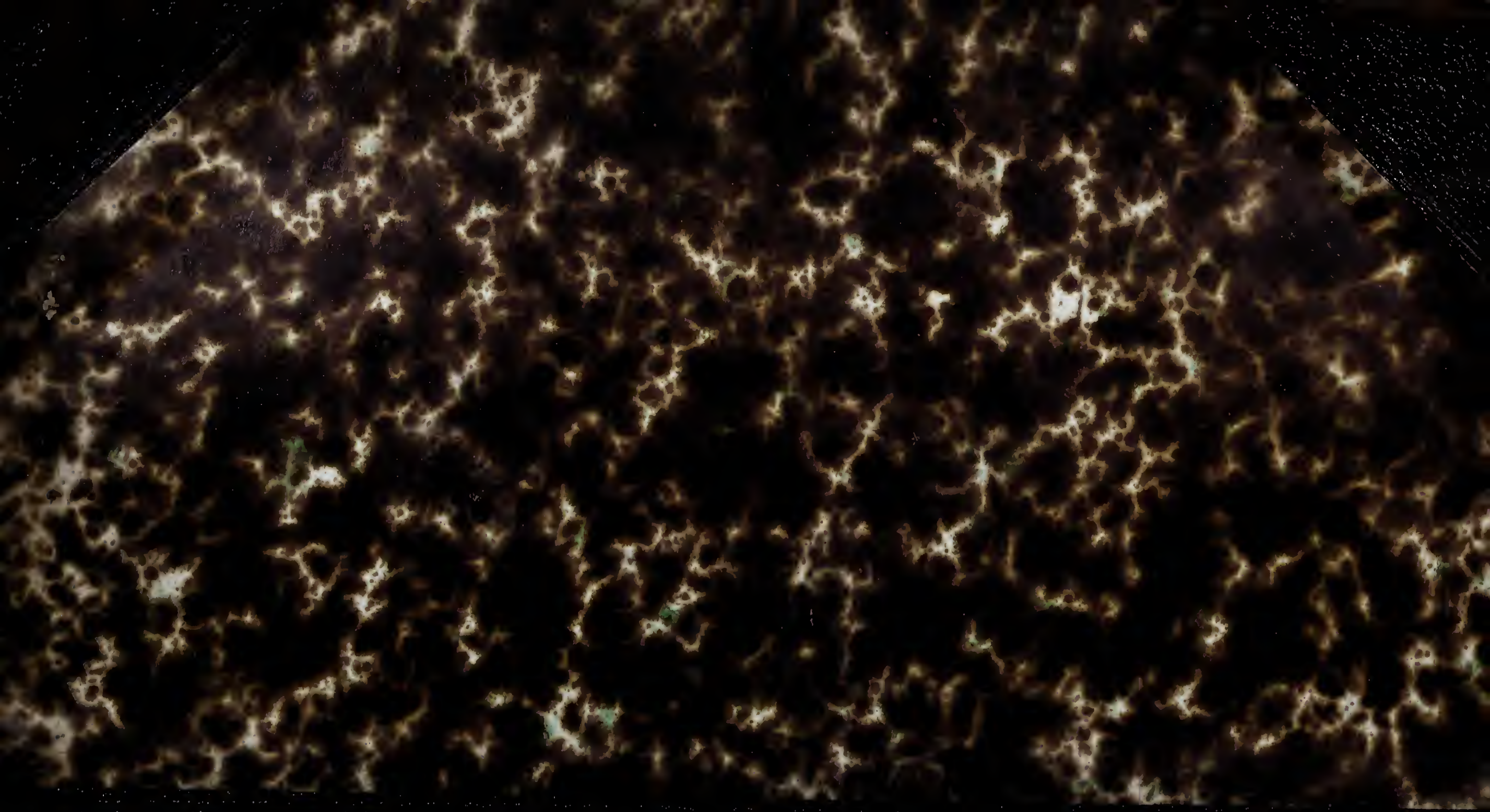

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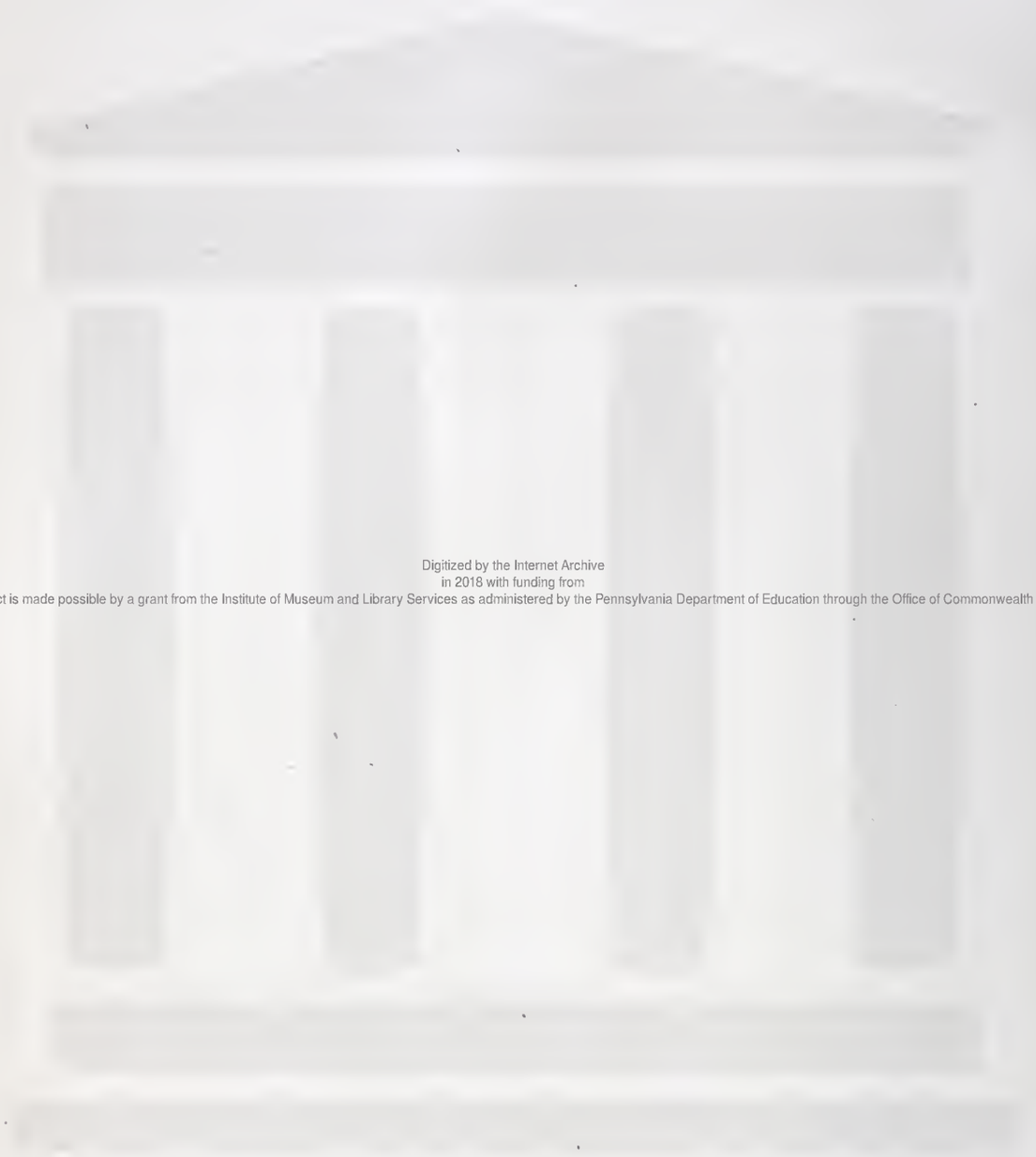

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OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF BALTIMORE, STATE OF MARYLAND,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 15, 1873.

MONDAY, September 15, 1873—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon the call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

M. J. DURHAM.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding.
JNO. W. STOKES.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
ALBERT COHEN.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from thirty-three Grand Lodges and seventeen Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

ALEX. MCKINSTRY, P. G. R. .....Alabama.
JOHN B. HARMON, P. G. M. .....California.
ALFRED W. PHELPS, P. G. M. .....Connecticut.
JOSHUA MARIS, P. G. M. .....Delaware.
JOHN F. HAVENNER, P. G. P. .....District of Columbia.
GEORGE DAMON, P. G. M. .....Florida.
JAMES L. GOW, P. G. M. .....Georgia.
T. B. NEEDLES, P. G. M. .....Illinois.
W. H. DEWOLF, P. G. M. .....Indiana.
W. W. MOORE, P. G. M. .....Iowa.
LEVI EMPIE, P. G. M. .....Kansas.
W. C. WILSON, P. G. M. .....Louisiana.
J. W. SARGENT, P. G. M. .....Maine.
E. GOVER COX, P. G. M. .....Maryland.
ISAAC SIDES, P. G. M. .....Michigan.
HENRY C. FUHRMANN, P. G. M. .....Minnesota.
J. L. MILTON, P. G. M. .....Mississippi.
ALFRED D. JONES, P. G. M. .....Nebraska.
SEATON GALES, P. G. M. .....North Carolina.
ORLANDO P. SMART, P. G. M. .....New Hampshire.
THEO. A. ROSS, P. G. M. .....New Jersey.
JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. M. .....New York.
MARTIN WHITE, P. G. M. .....Nevada.
JOHN W. CARTER, P. G. M. .....Ohio.
JOHN GIBSON, P. G. M. .....Ontario.
F. G. SCHWATKA, P. G. .....Oregon.
R. A. LAMBERTON, P. G. M. .....Pennsylvania.
HERBERT E. DODGE, P. G. .....Rhode Island.
M. E. WILCOX, P. G. Rep. .....Tennessee.
WILLARD RICHARDSON, P. G. Rep. .....Texas.
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, P. D. G. Sire. .....Virginia.
PETER DARNELL, P. G. M. .....West Virginia.
SAM. RYAN, JR., P. G. M. .....Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

NATHAN PORTER, P. G. Rep. .....California.
CHAS. A. NEWELL, P. G. P. .....Connecticut.
JAMES S. TICKNOR, P. G. P. .....Illinois.
T. G. DEHARRELL, P. G. P. .....Indiana.
ORLANDO MCCRANEY, P. G. P. .....Iowa.
M. S. DOWDEN, P. G. P. .....Kentucky.
ALEX. L. SPEAR, P. G. Rep. .....Maryland.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

JAMES M. PRICE, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
DAVID G. PALMER, P. G. P.....Michigan.
WM. H. WOODWARD, P. G. P.....Missouri.
JAS. F. HARTSHORN, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
AARON B. CRANE, P. C. P.....New Jersey.
EDWARD J. HAMILTON, P. G. P.....New York.
CHARLES N. HICKOK, P. G. Rep.....Pennsylvania.
GEORGE H. OLNEY, P. G. M.....Rhode Island.
GEORGE EDWARDS, P. G. P.....West Virginia.
LOUIS SILBER, P. G. P.....Wisconsin.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

WILLIAM ELLISON.....Massachusetts.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
FRED. D. STUART.....District of Columbia.

A quorum being present, the Chair, with the consent of the Lodge, appointed Rep. JOHN W. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, Deputy Grand Sire, *pro tem.*

The Deputy Grand Sire, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by further order, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for business.

The worthy Grand Chaplain, Bro. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky, now, upon invitation of the Chair, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty and eternal God, the author and preserver of our lives, and our constant benefactor: We, thy sinful and dependent creatures, would now ask thy continued favor and protection, while we confer together in the interests of suffering humanity. Pardon all our offences against thee, and all the instances in which by wrong doing, or neglect, we may have failed in duty to our fellow man. We thank thee for permitting us to assemble here, once more, in peace and love, as the representatives of a great family of brothers from all parts of our land. While we miss the familiar forms of some whose presence was ever welcome, and whose valued words of wisdom will no more be heard, let us profit by their past counsel and example, and look forward to a blessed reunion hereafter. Guide us, heavenly Father, in the work before us. Preserve us, in our deliberations, from all error ignorance, pride, and prejudice. Give to each officer and member of this body, O Lord, a clear knowledge of our duties and responsibilities, and enable us to discharge them with fidelity and diligence, that our benevolent Order may reap the benefit of our labors at this time. Bless the widow and orphan, and be merciful to all the poor and afflicted, and relieve their sorrows and distresses. Bless our civil authorities, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth, and may we ever abound

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with that righteousness which exalteth a nation. Hear us, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and answer them as may be most expedient for us: and to thy name be ascribed all honor and glory for ever. Amen.

Deputy Grand Sire DURHAM, presiding, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES: Sincerely regretting the absence of our much loved Chief, I have taken the chair as Deputy Grand Sire, fully aware of the difficulty of the position which I occupy. I am free to confess that, inexperienced as I am, I am not without apprehension that I may be wanting in those peculiar qualifications so essential to render an executive officer efficient and the deliberations of the body over which he presides prompt and harmonious. Relying, however, confidently upon your indulgence and generous support, I enter upon the duties of this chair with a firm purpose to administer them impartially and to the best of my ability. More you will not expect; less would be unworthy of the incumbent of so exalted a position.

I have received an important communication from our worthy Grand Secretary, which it is proper should be now read:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

To M. J. DURHAM, Baltimore, September 15, 1873.
R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It is with profound sorrow that I announce to you the fact, that the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire, transmitted by him to this office in manuscript, with voluminous accompanying documents, by the steamer which left Valparaiso, July 26th, per Wells, Fargo & Co's express, and which should have reached New York by the 25th of August, has failed to reach me. Upon advice from the Grand Sire of its transmission, by letters of the 5th, 22d, and 28th of July, I used all possible diligence to trace it, but as yet without success. The following proceedings for its recovery have been had. On the 6th of September, Bro. JOHN Q. A. HERRING, P. G. M., Superintendent of the Adams & Co's express of this city, kindly forwarded the following dispatch to New York.

SEPTEMBER 6, 9.12′ A. M.

To WM. HOEY, *Superintendent Adams & Co's Express, No.* 145 *Broadway, New York.*

United States Minister sent from Valparaiso, July 26th, by special agent of National Pacific Steamship Company, package valuable papers for JAMES L. RIDGELY, Baltimore, to be handed over to Wells, Fargo & Co., at Panamá, to be taken to Baltimore and delivered. Not yet received; where is the package? Important; should be heard from to-day; make thorough inquiry; answer quick. J. Q. A. HERRING, *Superintendent.*

ANSWER.

NEW YORK, September 6, 2.43′ P. M.

Superintendent Adams Express Co.

Wells & Fargo have no account of Ridgely papers.

WM. HOEY, *Superintendent.*

On September 9th, Corresponding Secretary enclosed the several letters of Grand Sire explanatory of the circumstances attending the transmission of the package and the special arrangement made for its safe delivery to Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, Grand Representative of New York, with a request that he would call at the office of Wells, Fargo & Co. in search of information on the subject. On the 10th of September received the following dispatch:

NEW YORK, September 10, 11.45′ A. M.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Odd-Fellows' Hall.*

Package not received from Panama. Two steamers arrived here in August. Next due in four days—letter by mail. JOHN MEDOLE.

On the next day received the letter referred to in the telegram, mailed New York, September 10th, in words following: "Bro. RIDGELY, I telegraphed you. I called on Wells, Fargo & Co. immediately on receipt of your request to do so. I was introduced to the proper official, and opened the case to him. He informed me that two steamers from Panama since the package should have reached their agents' office at that place had arrived; no such package addressed to you was mentioned on their agents' manifests by either steamer, and no allusion made to it in any other manner. He said, that had it been delivered to the agent at Panama by the steamships or any other company, no doubt it would have reached the New York office ere this. He thinks the party on the Pacific steamer has failed to put it on its route; no means of telegraphing for it, and will take twenty days to get an answer to a tracer. Another steamer is due here in four or six days; I am to call again; will do so on Saturday before I leave, should the package not be sooner found. I return you Grand Sire's letters.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN MEDOLE."

I annex the following abstracts from the Grand Sire's letters, which show the extraordinary pains taken by him to insure the safe transmission of the package:

"VALPARAISO, July 22, 1873.

"MY DEAR BRO. RIDGELY: I have come down to-day to this place expressly for the purpose of getting my report off to you. We have no express arrangements with the States, and I was afraid to trust to the delays and uncertainty of the mail. So I have made a special arrangement with the agent of the National Pacific Steamship Company (the line running from here to Panama) by which they have agreed to take it to Panama and deliver it to Wells, Fargo & Co., by whom it will be taken to Baltimore and delivered to you. It will leave here by to-morrow's steamer, and it ought to reach New York on the 23d or 24th of August, and be in your hands on the 25th or 26th."

STILL MORE RECENT.

"SANTIAGO, CHILE, July 28, 1873.

"Enclosed please find my report for the secret session. I sent you my report in full, with accompanying papers, by the steamer which left on July 26th. You should receive it by Wells & Fargo express by the 25th of August. If it does not arrive by that date please send to their office and have them trace it up. It will reach Panama and be in their possession August 13th, and unless they delay it, will leave as promised, the 14th, and reach New York on the 23d."

Having had a full conference with the Grand Sire, touching the Order, previous to his departure upon his important public mission, I am in some degree apprised of the character of his report, and thus qualified to express an opinion as to the serious loss we shall have sustained should it not be received during the session.

Bro. LOGAN entered upon his distinguished office with the purpose of discharging its duties to the utmost of his ability. His highest ambition was to be "Grand Sire in fact and not nominally." His mind was greatly absorbed upon the subject of Odd-Fellowship and its general welfare. Much of his correspondence with the Grand Secretary was devoted to the discussion of important questions in this regard. The result of his reflections were elaborately embodied in his report, accompanied with valuable suggestions for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Whilst in common with you all I experience great disappointment at the absence of this important document, and shall greatly miss its wise and well-digested advice and instructions, I have the gratification to say that its absence will not necessarily embarrass the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

The Chair announced the following committee:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. HARCOURT, of Texas; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island; GIBSON, of Ontario; BAKER, of North Carolina; SILBER, of Wisconsin.

Also the following committee:

Committee on Allotment of Seats.—Reps. PHELPS, of Connecticut; FUHRMANN, of Minnesota; GOW, of Georgia; SCHWATKA, of Oregon; WHITTEN, of Maine.

Rep. HARCOURT, of Texas, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the credentials of members, and find that the following are duly accredited and entitled to seats as Representatives:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

JNO. R. TOMPKINS, P. G. Rep.....Alabama.
PETER BRUGMAN, P. G. M.....Arkansas.
M. M. ESTEE, P. G.....California.
JOHN H. JAY, P. G. M.....Colorado.

FROM GRAND LODGES—continued.

WM. R. MCLEAN, P. G. M.....District of Columbia.
PHILIP POND, P. G. M.....Connecticut.
HENRY W. BAKER, P. G. R.....Delaware.
LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. R.....Georgia.
JOHN W. MCQUIDDY, P. G. M.....Indiana.
ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M.....Iowa.
J. C. SMITH, P. G. M.....Illinois.
FRED. SPECK, P. G. P.....Kansas.
PETER BEALL, P. G. P., vice M. J. DURHAM, resign'd.Kentucky.
J. D. TRAPP, P. G. M.....Kentucky.
GEORGE NUNGESSER, P. G. M.....Louisiana.
JAMES YORSTON, P. G. M.....Lower Prov., B. N. A.
GEORGE B. HAMLIN, P. G. M.....Massachusetts.
THOMAS C. PORTER, P. G. M., vice A. B. PLIMPTON, resigned.....Massachusetts.
CHARLES H. RAWLINGS, P. G. Rep.....Maryland.
F. H. RANKIN, P. G. M.....Michigan.
M. C. LIBBY, P. G. M.....Missouri.
C. H. MANSUR, P. G. M.....Missouri.
JOHN B. NEALLEY, P. G. M.....Maine.
JOHN A. JACKSON, P. G.....Minnesota.
D. N. BARROWS, P. G. M.....Mississippi.
WILLIAM MADDEN, P. G. M.....New York.
WILLIAM A. NEWELL, P. G.....New Jersey.
AMOS JONES, P. G. M.....New Hampshire.
JOHN HAMLIN, P. G. M.....Nebraska.
HENRY LINDENBERG, P. G. R.....Ohio.
JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M.....Ontario.
A. NOLTNER, P. G., vice A. L. STINSON, resigned...Oregon.
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
JOHN F. DRISCOL, P G. Rep.....Rhode Island.
ROBERT LEDBY, P. G Rep.....South Carolina.
W. P. WASHBURN, P. D. G. M.....Tennessee.
JOHN T. HARCOURT, P. G.....Texas.
HENRY CLARK, P G. M.....Vermont.
HUGH LATHAM, P. G. M.....Virginia.
WHEELER REEVES, P. G. M.....West Virginia.
MYRON P. LINDSLEY, P. G. M.....Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

W. A. SHIELDS, P. G. .....Alabama.
CHARLES H. RANDALL, P. G.....California.
JOSEPH K. BUNDY, P. G. P.....Connecticut.
WILLIAM H. FOULK, P. G. R.....Delaware.
JOHN T. GIVEN, P. G. P.....District of Columbia.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS—continued.

JOHN S. TYSON, P. G. P.....Georgia.
J. F. ALEXANDER, P. G. M. .....Illinois.
W. Y. MONROE, P. G. P.....Indiana.
E. W. HARTMAN, P. G. P.....Iowa.
B. J. F. HANNA, P. G. P.....Kansas.
W. T. CURRY, P. G. P.....Kentucky.
LUTHER HOMES, P. G. M., vice A. J. VANDERGRIFF, resigned.....Louisiana.
CHARLES H. RICH, P. G. P., vice O. B. WHITTEN, resigned.....Maine.
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M.....Maryland.
JAMES N. READ, P. G. P.....Maine.
N. S. GREENLEAF, P. G. P.....Massachusetts.
L. C. TILLOTSON, P. G. P.....Michigan.
LUTHER BIXBY, P. G. R.....Minnesota.
L. K. BARBER, P. G. M.....Mississippi.
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY, P. G. P.....Missouri.
D. A. CLINE, P. G. P.....Nebraska.
A. MOULTON, P. G. P.....New Hampshire.
ISRAEL HARRIS, P. G. M.....New Jersey.
JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. R.....New York.
WM. C. EARL, P. G. M.....Ohio.
ADAM PURVES, P. G. P.....Ontario.
JOHN W. STOKES, P. G. M.....Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM J. MILLER, P. G.....Rhode Island.
A. O. H. P. SEHORN, P. G. P.....Tennessee.
J. Y. DASHIELL, P. G. P.....Texas.
H. R. DYER, P. C. P.....Vermont.
JACOB H. ROBINSON, P. G. P.....Virginia.
A. J. LANGWORTHY, P. G. M., vice LEVI H. KELLOGG, resigned.....Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. HARCOURT,
J. H. BAKER,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
LEWIS SILBER,
JOHN GIBSON.

Rep. PHELPS, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Allotment of Seats, made the following report, and the members were seated accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the Allotment of Seats, would most respectfully report the following as the result of the drawing:

Alabama.....88, 89, 90
Arkansas.....34, 35
California.....26, 27, 28, 29
Colorado.....21, 22
Connecticut.....12, 13, 14, 15
Delaware.....23, 24, 25
District of Columbia.....1, 2, 3
Florida.....55
Georgia.....9, 10, 11
Illinois.....108, 109, 110, 111
Indiana.....112, 113, 114, 115
Iowa.....51, 52, 53, 54
Kansas.....91, 92, 93
Kentucky.....30, 31, 32, 33
Louisiana.....40, 41, 42
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....20
Maine.....116, 117, 118, 119
Maryland.....123, 124, 125, 126
Massachusetts.....43, 44, 45, 46
Michigan.....36, 37, 38, 39
Minnesota.....73, 74, 75
Mississippi.....60, 61, 62
Missouri.....104, 105, 106, 107
Nebraska.....120, 121, 122
New Hampshire.....81, 82, 83, 84
New Jersey.....98, 99, 100, 101
New York.....127, 128, 129, 130
Nevada.....79, 80
North Carolina.....7, 8
Ohio.....69, 70, 71, 72
Ontario.....85, 86, 87
Oregon.....102, 103
Pennsylvania.....47, 48, 49, 50
Rhode Island.....56, 57, 58, 59
South Carolina.....94, 95
Tennessee.....4, 5, 6
Texas.....76, 77, 78
Vermont.....96, 97
Virginia.....63, 64, 65
West Virginia.....66, 67, 68
Wisconsin.....16, 17, 18, 19

A. W. PHELPS,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
J. L. GOW,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
C. H. RICH.

On motion of Rep. BAKER, of Delaware, the minutes of the last session were approved as printed, and the reading of the same was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, visitors were now admitted under the rule.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, moved to amend the standing order in relation to the hours of session of the Grand Lodge, page 5621, as follows:

Resolved, That during the present session, this Grand Lodge will meet daily at nine o'clock A. M., take a recess of one hour from twelve to one, and adjourn at four P. M.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved further to amend as follows:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will meet each day at nine o'clock A. M., take a recess from one to two and a half P. M., and close its daily sessions at such hour as it may from day to day determine.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. EARL, of Ohio—

On motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, to lay the subject on the table, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. HARCOURT, of Texas, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials find the following named duly accredited and entitled to seats as Representatives from Grand Lodges: J. D. HAMMOND, P. G., Nevada; R. M. JOHNSON, P. G. M., Arkansas.

JOHN T. HARCOURT,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
JOHN GIBSON,
HENRY W. BAKER,
LEWIS SILBER.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows, the reading of which, on motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, was dispensed with:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, herewith submits his annual report. The detail of duty devolved to be performed during recess is as follows:

DUTIES DEVOLVED UPON GRAND SECRETARY DURING RECESS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and instructed to furnish each Representative, not heretofore supplied, with one copy of the Book of Forms.

2. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized and directed to deliver to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the original charter of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, which is now in the possession of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

3. *Resolved*, That the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, who have heretofore received a copy of the Digest, be entitled to receive a copy of the sheets or leaves containing the additions to the Digest.

4. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish each Representative a copy of the revised Digest for use at the present session.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and hereby is authorized to sell, in sets, copies of the steel plate engravings of the Past Grand Sires at twenty-five per cent. advance on the cost price.

6. *Resolved*, That the subject contained in the memorial of Bro. M. V. BURRIS be referred to the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for investigation, that they may report at our next annual session their recommendation as to such action as may be necessary.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to furnish R. H. MORRISON, Past Grand Representative, a copy of the bound Journal.

8. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary cause the returns to be completed, stating the length of time for which the same are made in all cases in which they embrace only a fraction of the year, and cause them to be printed in the revised Journal.

9. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to appoint a subordinate in his office, to be called the "Assistant of the Grand Secretary," who shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by that officer. The said assistant shall be removable at the pleasure of the Grand Secretary, and shall receive such compensation as shall be prescribed by law.

10. *Resolved*, That in addition to the said assistant, it shall be lawful for the Grand Secretary, from time to time, as he shall find it necessary to do so, to appoint and remove at his pleasure such temporary assistants, clerical and other aid, as may be required for the satisfactory discharge of the

duties of his office. Such additional force shall receive a compensation not to exceed a maximum to be prescribed by law.

11. *Resolved*, That announcements of the deaths of Past Grand Representatives may be laid upon the table at any time during the session, and the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary have them all collected and recorded together in the revised Journal of this body.

12. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to publish in the revised Journal such a statement of the amounts contributed by the different jurisdictions, to the Chicago sufferers, by the disastrous conflagration which visited that city, as may be furnished by the jurisdiction of Illinois; and, if practicable, also the amount contributed to the sufferers of the Northwest.

13. *Resolved*, That each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, for its own use; and an equal number to be distributed among its Subordinates. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Lodge and Encampment working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the Proceedings. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early date as possible after the close of the annual session.

14. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire appoint some competent brother, residing in the German Empire, to institute said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," at Berlin, Prussia, or some other place in the German Empire, in proper form; and that a charter in conformity herewith be prepared by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and delivered to said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire."

15. *Resolved*, That a copy of the secret work and diagrams be delivered to said "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" when instituted as above expressed.

16. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he hereby is instructed to have prepared, for the use of this Grand Lodge, as many copies of the Digest as there are Representatives, and have printed on the first page of the cover the fact that it belongs to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also the number, commencing with one, and advancing in regular order, and that at each session these copies shall be furnished to the Representatives present.

17. *Resolved*, That the necessity for a retranslation of our Ritual into German text was conceded by this Grand Lodge at its last session, but failed from there being no provision made for meeting the expenses of such a work, and that the same parties to whom this matter was referred last year be continued under the belief that the work will be done without expense to this Grand Lodge.

18. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Body be and they are hereby tendered J. WARD ELLIS, G. R., E. B. SHERMAN, P. G., and JOHN G. ROGERS, P. G. M., the committee appointed for the distribution of funds and other contributions in aid of the sufferers by the disastrous fire at Chicago, for the efficient manner in which they discharged that duty. Also, to the R. W. Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, for the very efficient services rendered by them for the relief of the suffering members of the Order.

19. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to FRED. D. STUART for the very able, impartial, and eminently satisfactory manner that he has discharged the important duties of Grand Sire during his term of office.

20. *Resolved*, That the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay for the services to be rendered by Grand Sire STUART in the preparation and printing of the revised Ritu-

als, at the rate of not exceeding one hundred dollars per month, the same to be drawn on the warrant of the Grand Secretary, after the approval of the bill for such services by the incoming Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary.

21. *Resolved*, That the decisions and enactments of the Grand Lodge in secret session go into operation and be the supreme law on and after the first day of January, 1873, and that the Charge Book, when printed, shall contain the attestation of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge in attendance at the present session.

22. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to forward to each Grand Representative a printed circular containing all changes made in the work of the Encampment Degrees during the present session.

23. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby directed to purchase a suitable fire-proof safe, for the preservation against fire of the secret works, diagrams, and all original archives and documents, the loss of which would be irreparable, and that the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for that object.

24. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to deposit the library of the Grand Lodge in some safe fire-proof building, if such depository can be found by him in this or any neighboring city, and that such reasonable sum be paid for such custody as the elective Grand Officers may authorize.

25. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby required to keep ample insurance against fire on all the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States in his custody.

26. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to contract with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the event of the said Grand Lodge rebuilding the present or erecting another hall, for the erection of a fire-proof building for his office and the custody of the property and archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to lease the same at a reasonable rental for ten years.

27. *Resolved*, That in the event of the inability of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to effect such arrangement with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that he, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, be and he is hereby authorized to inquire into and report to the next session of the Grand Lodge the probable cost of the purchase of a suitable lot of ground and erection of a fire-proof office for the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

The first, second, third, and fourth resolutions have been carried into effect.

No applications have been made to purchase the steel plate engravings of the Past Grand Sires during the year, nor was there any stock of that kind on hand, had such demand have been made. Should it be deemed desirable to continue this order, legislation making an appropriation for printing an edition of these engravings will be necessary to render it effective. I do not think that any considerable sale of this supply would be made to justify the expense.

In obedience to the sixth resolution the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary have made a minute examination of all the facts and circumstances connected with the subject of the memorial of Bro. M. V. BURRIS, and present a special statement thereof, with recommendations, which is submitted among the papers accompanying this report, to which I respectfully refer.

The seventh and eighth resolutions have been complied with.

In conformity to the power contained in the ninth and tenth resolution, I appointed Bro. JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN "Assistant of the Grand Secretary," and have, from time to time, employed temporary additional assistance. This assistance has been only availed of when unavoidable, the expense of which I respectfully ask an appropriation to discharge.

The eleventh and twelfth resolutions have been carried into effect.

The by-law, article eighteen, described as resolution thirteen, has been complied with, although I regret to say that the delivery of the revised Journal was delayed by the printer far beyond the time within which it was due. This delivery was not fully completed until February, 1873, which has given rise to much just complaint. As a matter of course, it could not be otherwise than that the greatly increased size of this Journal, and the corresponding very large edition which is demanded to meet the requisition of the by-law, would necessarily require more time than was formerly allowed for its production, but no good reason exists for the extraordinary delay in the delivery on this occasion. Nevertheless, I should feel wanting in a due sense of justice to a brother did I fail to state that the printer's hindrances and delays were due to no want of diligence on his part, but to a series of misfortunes of which he was the victim, and which were beyond his control. I respectfully recommend that the contract for printing the revised Journal hereafter should stipulate for its entire delivery on or before January 1st succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the contractor be required to give bond for the due performance of his contract. In this way some compensation and indemnity could be had against this evil. It is highly gratifying, however, to know that the work was done in all other respects in conformity to contract, is a good job, and has given general satisfaction. Considering this fact, and the greatly reduced rate at which it has been done as compared with the year 1871, I think we may forbear with Bro. YOUNG for the delay in the delivery. Besides, the winter was one of unusual severity, and considerable delay in the delivery upon transportation lines was unavoidable.

Resolutions fourteen and fifteen, having reference to the charter for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and the delivery of the secret work and diagrams to the same Grand Body "when instituted," have each received the earnest attention of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary. So soon after the last session as it was practicable, the Grand Secretary caused the Grand Charter to be filled in a Diploma Blank, in the literal words prescribed in the resolution authorizing the same. The instrument, thus elaborately rendered, was authenticated with the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and by the signatures of the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Secretary, and accompanied with proper institution books, and a special commission to Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire, was transmitted by express to its destination, which it reached in safety. Advices received from that jurisdiction inform us that the Grand Lodge of the German Empire was duly instituted on the 28th day of December, 1872, and that it has entered upon its grand career under the most cheering auspices. A more particular reference to this subject will be made in the sequel of this report. Touching the special subject of duty detailed in the fifteenth resolution, the Grand Sire devolved the preparation of a copy "of the secret work and diagrams, for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire," upon Bro. FRED. D. STUART, Past Grand Sire, who has, with his accustomed zeal and ability, discharged that responsible office. In this connection I have great pleasure in giving just thanks to Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, R. W. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York, for most valuable service to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in securing to this work safe dispatch to its destination in Berlin.

The sixteenth resolution has been carried into effect. In the execution of the power conferred upon the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary by the seventeenth resolution, we have deferred literally to the policy of the resolution, "that the work should be done without expense to the Grand Lodge." The very thorough changes made in the character of the Initiatory Charge Book, at the last session, rendered a translation of the new matter transferred to it from the secret work, into the German language,

indispensible. In view of which an earnest appeal was made from many very influential sources that the opportunity should be availed of for a general translation of the German Charge Book. This appeal being pressed with great persistence, backed up by able and convincing argument, the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, after a conference with the committee having the printing in charge, consented to permit the applicants to make the translation proposed at their personal expense. This work has been done by Bro. HEDDAEUS, R. W. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and in so far as I have heard an expression of opinion upon its merits, the judgment of those qualified to speak on the subject has been favorable. Should this judgment be affirmed, it is respectfully suggested that a liberal appropriation be made for so valuable a service by the Grand Lodge.

The order contained in the eighteenth resolution has been obeyed with great pleasure. The resolutions of thanks voted to the distinguished brothers named were elaborately engrossed upon Diploma Blanks and duly transmitted. The correspondence had on the occasion is herewith annexed.

The direction contained in the nineteenth resolution was promptly carried out soon after the adjournment of the last session. The precise language of the resolution was formally and handsomely engrossed and delivered to the distinguished brother in person.

I have, in so far as it became my duty under the twentieth resolution, certified, in conjunction with the M. W. Grand Sire, an order upon the Grand Treasurer for the whole amount appropriated for the valuable services rendered by Bro. FRED. D. STUART in the preparation of the copy and supervising the printing of the revised Initiatory Ritual. I beg to say in this connection that this service was arduous and highly responsible, and was most faithfully and efficiently performed. Notwithstanding, this work has not wholly escaped criticism. A few errors of language have crept in, which has caused complaint: some objection has been taken to the plan adopted of introducing promiscuously the miscellaneous subjects, instead of arranging the whole matter transferred from the secret work to its appropriate head. On the whole, however, general satisfaction has been secured, which is a result greatly to be appreciated in view of the vastness of the constituency and the difficulty of producing, in such a field, reasonable unanimity.

As far as it was possible the twenty-first resolution has been executed. A variety of causes intervened to prevent the printer from having the new Charge Book completed in time for its distribution by January 1st, 1873. So soon, however, as the work was out of press, the distribution commenced in the order of applications on file, which was continued until the exhaustion of the whole edition of ten thousand copies. A second edition of one thousand copies was ordered, and distribution was continued until all orders on file were supplied. The attestation of the officers and members of the last session was placed in the book as prescribed by the resolution. By a circular issued by the M. W. Grand Sire, December 11, 1872, it was directed that the old Initiatory Charge Book be destroyed by fire within ninety days after January 1st, 1873, and that a certificate of this fact, indicating the number of copies so destroyed, be returned to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States. In obedience to this order, several of the State Grand Bodies have caused such certificate to be returned to this office, a list of which is annexed. I regret to say that many jurisdictions have failed to heed this important direction. I felt it also to be my duty, in this connection, to issue a circular on November 1st, 1872, soon after the adjournment of the last session, to the Grand Masters of the several Grand Jurisdictions, explanatory of the changes made in the Initiatory Ritual, and earnestly inviting their attention to the importance of making early arrangements for the reception and introduction of the new work in their respective States. I also advised Grand Secretaries to send their orders without delay. I am happy to say that this circular was promptly appreciated and

acted upon, and that the Grand Secretaries at once carried its recommendation into effect. A copy of this circular is annexed. The whole publication, eleven thousand copies, was safely distributed, it is believed, and with reasonable dispatch. The transition of nearly five thousand Lodges from the old to the new Initiatory Ritual, without hindrance and without accident, is a remarkable fact and well worthy of our congratulations. Too much credit cannot be awarded to the contractor, Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, for the extraordinary interest taken by him in the production of this work, for his great disinterestedness in undertaking the job, and for the eminent success which has resulted. In so far as the mechanical execution is concerned, the book has challenged universal approval. The Committee on Printing Supplies will report in detail touching their relation to this work.

I herewith submit a copy of a circular issued by me on the 10th of December, 1872, in obedience to the twenty-second resolution, which it is believed fully embodies the idea of the resolution. It was transmitted on the day it bears date to each member of the Grand Lodge.

The twenty-third and twenty-fifth resolutions received the prompt attention of the Grand Secretary soon after the last session. A suitable fire and burglar proof safe was purchased, after careful inquiry and consultation with parties of experience and judgment, for the sum of five hundred dollars, including its delivery. This safe is of the manufucture of the American Steam Safe Company, Boston, with Sergeant & Greenleaf's patent lock. In it we have deposited all the original charters and manuscripts, and early documents, which have been preserved; the original manuscript of the unwritten work, in the hand writing of Bro. HOPKINS, Past Grand Sire; the original report of the Committee on Revision of the present Ritual, and duplicate copies of all the editions of the written work from the earliest period. The account books of the office are also placed therein, with many other valuable papers, a detailed list of which is herewith submitted. In this connection I remark that there remains in this office a very large number of old books of obsolete editions of the work, with many of more recent issue, now superseded, some of which are included in the present stock account. As this property is now wholly useless, I respectfully recommend that the Committee on Printing be directed to examine it, and to cause to be destroyed by fire so much thereof as may be of no value, having first taken a memorandum of the amount which may be included in the stock account, with a view to credit said account with the same. I also, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, caused additional insurance, against fire, on the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be effected, so that it is now amply covered in that respect.

The Grand Secretary has not been able to carry into effect the twenty-fourth resolution, for the reason that no suitable fire-proof depository could be procured for the library in this or any neighboring city, at a reasonable sum, without entirely abandoning the use of the same, by boxing it up or placing it in close packages.

The state of circumstances contemplated in the twenty-sixth resolution, viz., the building of a new Odd-Fellows' Hall in the city of Baltimore, or the reconstruction of the present one, not having transpired, no steps have been taken to carry out the same.

LIBRARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Since the last session efforts in this direction have been continued, and I am gratified that my labors have been rewarded with a reasonable degree of success. The earnest recommendation to the State Jurisdictions to reprint their respective deficient numbers has been promptly carried into effect by the jurisdictions of New Hampshire and Delaware, from each of which a handsomely bound copy of the complete Journals of their respective Grand Lodges from their inception to the last session inclusive has been

received. I beg to renew this recommendation to all other jurisdictions in like circumstances, satisfied in my own mind that the expense incurred in so meritorious a cause will be amply rewarded by the value of the acquisition. I likewise beg to submit the suggestion that an appropriation from the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in aid of this object, would be wise and profitable. It is not deemed necessary to discuss again the value of this institution to the brotherhood for the preservation of the historic records of the Order; all will at once concede this important and evident fact, although a difference of opinion may prevail as to the proper means of assuring the end. I present the general subject as eminently worthy of your favorable consideration.

Herewith is subjoined a statement of the accessions to the library since the last session.

I also annex a corrected list of the entire library, from which the several jurisdictions, whose Journals are deficient, may at once perceive the fact and take proper measures to have them supplied.

BOUND VOLUMES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR

Digest of the laws (I. O. O. F.) of Pennsylvania, 1872.

1 vol. (4th) Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, 1869 to 1872, inclusive.

1 vol. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, 1833 to 1872, complete.

1 vol. Digest of the laws of the Grand Lodge of Illinois—Willard.

5 vols. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 1849 to 1872, inclusive.

2 vols. Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, 1856 to 1872, inclusive.

1 vol. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1868 to 1871, inclusive.

1 vol. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, 1844 to 1872, complete.

1 vol. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, 1823 to 1828.

1 vol. Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, 1866 to 1872, complete.

1 vol. Odd-Fellowship, its Merits and Demerits, by Martin W. Holmes.

1 vol. Report of Chicago (I. O. O. F.) Relief Committee.

1 vol. Odd-Fellowship Examined and Re-examined.

1 vol. Catalogue of the Odd-Fellows' Library, San Francisco, Cal.

Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order Odd-Fellows of Australia.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS IN GRAND LODGE UNITED STATES LIBRARY.

Journal of Grand Bodies.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, vols. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, from 1821 to 1872.

Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1 vol., 1848.
" " " " " 1 vol., 1853.
" " " " " 1 vol., 1857.
" " " " " 1 vol., 1864.
" " " " " 1 vol., 1871.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, vol. 1, from 1841 to 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, vol. 2, from 1858 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, vol. 1, from 1853 to 1859, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, vol. 2, from 1860 to 1864, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, vol. 3, from 1865 to 1868, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, vol. 4, from 1869 to 1872, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of California, 1 vol., from 1855 to 1862, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of California, 1 vol., from 1863 to 1870, inclusive.

Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of California, 1 vol., 1865.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, vol. 1, from 1841 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, vol. 2, from 1850 to 1869, inclusive. Balance to 1871 in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, 1 vol., from 1843 to 1866, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, from 1867 to 1871, inclusive, in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, complete, in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, 1 vol., from 1833 to 1872, complete.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, from 1865 to 1872.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, vol. 1, from 1847 to 1856, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of District of Columbia, vol. 2, from 1857 to 1870, inclusive. Previous to 1847 not in print.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, 1 vol., from 1846 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Florida, 1 vol., from 1851 to 1858, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets, except 1862-63-64-65 and 66.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, 1 vol., from 1848 to 1857, clusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, vol. 2, from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vol. from 1838 to 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vol. from 1847 to 1853, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vol. from 1854 to 1867, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vol. from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Illinois—Willards.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, vol. from 1850 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, vol. from 1846 to 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, vol. from 1850 to 1854, inclusive. Balance incomplete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, vol. from 1848 to 1860, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, vol. from 1861 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, vol. from 1852 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, vol. from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Kansas, complete, in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, vol. from 1849 to 1853, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, vol. from 1854 to 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, vol. from 1858 to 1863, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, vol. from 1864 to 1868, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, vol. from 1869 to 1872, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, vol. from 1856 to 1864, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, vol. from 1865 to 1872, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, vol. from Dec. 22, 1846, to February 14, 1855.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, vol. from July 23, 1855, to February 7, 1870.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, in MS., from Dec. 24, 1832, to Dec. 18, 1846.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, 1 vol., from 1844 to 1845.

Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1 vol., 1844.

Index and Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1 vol., 1862.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1821 to 1837, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1838 to 1846, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1847 to 1848, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1849 to 1850, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1851 to 1854, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. from 1855 to 1856, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. 1857–58 and 59.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. 1860–61–62 and 63, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, vol. 1864–65–66 and 67, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, from 1868 to 1871, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, vol. from 1831 to 1856, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, vol. from 1865 to 1870, inclusive. Intermediate incomplete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vol. from 1823 to 1846, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vol. from 1847 to 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vol. from 1853 to 1859, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vol. from 1859 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, vol. from 1844 to 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, vol. from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Digest of Decisions, Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, 1 vol., 1868.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, vol. 1, from 1845 to 1850, inclusive. Balance incomplete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, vol. from 1853 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, vol. 1, from 1838 to 1853, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, vol. 2, from 1854 to 1860, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, vol. 3, from 1861 to 1867, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, vol. from 1848 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, vol. from 1858 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, vol. from 1844 to 1872, complete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, vol. from 1867 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, vol. from 1843 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, vol. 2, from 1852 to 1856, inclusive. None printed after 1856 till 1872—1872-3 in pamphlets.

Digest of Laws of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, 1 vol., 1866.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, vol. 1, from 1841 to 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, vol. 2, from 1853 to 1864, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, vol. 3, from 1865 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, 1 vol., from 1843 to 1867, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, from 1823 to 1828, in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 1, from 1837 to 1841, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 2, from 1841 to 1843, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 3, from 1843 to 1845, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 4, from 1845 to 1846, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 5, from 1846 to 1848, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 6, from 1848 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 7, from 1851 to 1855, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 8, from 1855 to 1860, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 9, from 1860 to 1865, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, vol. 10, from 1865 to 1870, inclusive. Proceedings from 1828 to 1837 wanting.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New York, vol. 1, from 1839 to 1843, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of New York, vol. 2, from 1849 to 1860, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, vol. from 1850 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, vol. from 1852 to 1853, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, vol. 1854-5-6 and 7, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, vol. from 1858 to 1865, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Northern New York, 1 vol., from 1850 to 1865, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vol. from 1838 to 1850, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vol. from 1851 to 1858, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vol. from 1859 to 1865, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, vol. from 1866 to 1871, inclusive. Proceedings from 1832 to 1838 wanting.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, vol. September 24, 1839, to May 5, 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, vol. May 4, 1858, to May 4, 1870, inclusive.

Proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Canada, Ontario, vol. from 1856, to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, vol. from 1856 to 1866, inclusive. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 1, January 13, 1823, to March 31, 1847. inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 2, April 1, 1847, to January 24, 1850, inclusive

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 3, January 25, 1850, to November 18 1852, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 4, November 19, 1852, to November 20, 1855, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 5, from 1855 to 1858, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 6, from 1859 to 1861, inclusive,

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 7, from 1862 to 1866, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 8, from 1866 to 1870, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, vol. 9, from 1870 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, vol., June 19, 1829, to May 21, 1857, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, vol., 1857 to 1870, inclusive.

Diges of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1 vol., 1861.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vol. from 1844 to 1849, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vol. from 1849 to 1854, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vol. from 1855 to 1863, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, vol. from 1864 to 1870, inclusive.

Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, 1 vol., 1870.

Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, 1 vol., from 1849 to 1870, inclusive, splendidly bound. Balance in pamphlets.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, vol. 1, from 1841 to 1847, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, vol. 2, from 1847 to 1851, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, vol. 3, from 1852 to 1857, inclusive Balance in pamphlets, incomplete.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, vol. from 1837 to 1859, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, vol. from 1863 to 1871, inclusive.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, vol. from 1866 to 1872, inclusive. See.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Australia, 1870-1-2.

REQUIRED TO MAKE THE JOURNALS COMPLETE.

Grand Lodges.

Arkansas, from January 11, 1849, to March, 1851.
District of Columbia, from November, 1827, to 1847.
Florida, from 1862 to 1866, inclusive.
Indiana, from August 14, 1837, to July, 1845, and May and November, 1847.
Kentucky, from May, 1843, to January, 1849.
Lower Provinces, B. N. A., from July 26, 1855, to February, 1869.
Maine, from 1850 to 1857, inclusive.
Michigan, 1854.
Mississippi, from May 4, 1838, to October, 1844; July, 1846, and January, 1849.
North Carolina, from 1857 to 1871, inclusive.
Ohio, from January 28, 1832, to 1838, inclusive.
South Carolina, July, 1860, and from March 11, 1863, to January, 1866.
Texas, from April 19, 1841, to January, 1850.
Vermont, December, 1847, 1854, 1858 and 1859.
Wisconsin, January and July, 1847, and January, 1852.

Grand Encampments.

Alabama, from June 13, 1848, to February, 1868.
Georgia, from June 3, 1862, to 1872, inclusive.
Indiana, January, 1857, July and January, 1854, January and July, 1855.
Kentucky, from November 21, 1839, to October, 1845; November 1847; from May 6, 1848, to January, 1849; January, 1850, January, 1851, and January, 1852.
Louisiana, from February 10, 1848, to February, 1859, and from 1860 to 1872.
Maryland, from July, 1856, to July, 1859, 1860 and 1861.
Michigan, 1858 and 1859.
Mississippi, from July, 1857, to 1871, inclusive.
North Carolina, from the organization to 1872, except 1848 and 1849.
South Carolina, from organization.
Tennessee, January and July, 1850.
Texas, from 1861 to 1866, inclusive. (Body did not meet.)
Virginia, 1843, 1844, 1848, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1855, 1856, and 1860 to 1866, inclusive
Wisconsin, from 1849 to July, 1851, 1853, 1856, 1857 and 1858, and from 1859 to 1865, inclusive.

PERIODICALS DEVOTED TO ODD-FELLOWSHIP.

The Covenant, (old series,) vol. 1, 1836; vol. 2, 1837; vol. 3, 1838, in one book.
The Covenant, (old series,) vol. 4, 1839; vol. 5, 1840; vol. 6, 1841, in one book.
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" " vol. 2, 1843.
" " vol. 3, 1844.
" " vol. 4, 1845.
" " vol. 5, 1846.
" " vol. 6, 1847.
The Odd-Fellows' Magazine, English, (new series, 2d edition, (vol. 1, 1829–30.
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" " " " vol. 3, 1834–35.
" " " " vol. 4, 1835–36–37.
" " " " vol. 5, 1838–39.
" " " " vol. 6, 1840–41.
The American Odd-Fellow, vol. 1, 1862.
" " vol. 2, 1863.
" " vol. 3, 1864.
" " vol. 4, 1865.
" " vol. 5, 1866.
" " vol. 6, 1867.
" " vol. 7, 1868.
" " vol. 8, 1869.
" " vol. 9, to June, 1870.
" " vol. 10, to December, 1870.
" " vol. 11, to June, 1871.
" " vol. 12, to December, 1871.
" " vol. 13, to June, 1872.
" " vol. 14, to December, 1872.
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" " vol. 2, from August, 1866, to July, 1867.
" " vol. 3, from August, 1867, to July, 1868.
" " vol. 4, from August, 1868, to July, 1869.
" " vols. 5 and 6, from Aug., 1869, to July, 1870.
" " vols. 7 and 8, from Aug., 1870, to July, 1871.
" " vols. 9 and 10, from Aug., 1871, to July, 1872.
The Odd-Fellows' Literary Casket, 1 vol., 1854.
The Golden Rule, vols. 4 and 5, 1846, one book.
" " vols. 6 and 7, 1847, one book.
Heart and Hand, (folio,) vol. 1, from April 16, 1870, to April 8, 1871.
" " " vol. 2, from April, 1871, to April, 1872.
" " " vol. 3, from April, 1872, to April, 1873.
New Age, (folio,) vol. 1, 1865.
" " vol. 2, 1866.
" " vol. 3, 1867.
" " vol. 4, 1868.
" " vol. 5, 1869.
" " vol. 6, 1870.
" " vol. 7, 1871.
" " vol. 8, 1872.

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Odd-Fellowship, its Merits and Demerits, by Martin W. Holmes.
Report of Chicago Relief Committee, I. O. O. F.
Constitution and By-Laws of the Aid Associations of Madison, Richmond, and New Albany, Indiana.

JOURNALS OF GRAND BODIES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Grand Lodges.

Alabama, February, 1873.
Arkansas, January, 1873.
California, May, 1873.
Colorado, October, 1872.
Connecticut, May, 1873.
Delaware, from February 14th, 1833, to October, 1854, inclusive.
Delaware, from October 13th, 1871, to October 9th, 1872, inclusive.
District of Columbia, from October. 1871, to August, 1872, inclusive.
Florida, June, 1873.
Georgia, August, 1872-3.
Illinois, October, 1872.
Indiana, November, 1872, and May, 1873.
Iowa, October, 1872.
Kansas, October, 1872.
Kentucky, October, 1872.
Louisiana, January, 1872, and January, 1873.
Lower Province, B. N. A.. 1871-2-3.
Maine, August, 1872.
Maryland, April, 1872, and April, 1873.
Massachusetts, August, 1872, and February, 1873.
Michigan, February, 1873.
Minnesota, June, 1873.
Mississippi, July, 1872-3.
Missouri, May, 1873.
Nebraska, October, 1872.
New Hampshire, October, 1872.
New Jersey, November, 1872.
New York, August, 1872.
Nevada, June, 1872-3.
North Carolina, July, 1872, and May, 1873.
Ohio, May, 1872, and May, 1873.
Ontario, August, 1872.
Oregon, May, 1873.
Pennsylvania, November, 1872.
Rhode Island, February and August, 1872.
Tennessee, October, 1872.
Texas, February, 1873.
Virginia, April, 1872, and April, 1873.
West Virginia, April, 1872, and April, 1873.
German Empire, December, 1872.
Australia, August, 1871-2.

Grand Encampments.

California, May, 1873, complete.
Delaware, from August, 1848, to April, 1872, complete.
District of Columbia, January, 1872.
Georgia, from June, 1863, to August, 1872, complete.
Illinois, 1872.
Indiana, May, 1873.
Iowa, October, 1873.
Kansas, October, 1873.
Kentucky, October, 1872.
Maine, August, 1872.
Massachusetts, July, 1872.
Missouri, May, 1872; May, 1873.

New Hampshire, October, 1872.
New Jersey, November, 1872.
Ohio, May, 1873.
Ontario, August, 1872.
Pennsylvania, November, 1872.
Texas, February, 1873.
Vermont, August, 1872.
Virginia, April, 1872, and April, 1873.
West Virginia, 1865, 1866, 1867 and April, 1873, complete.
Wisconsin, December, 1872.

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The Heart and Hand, weekly, New York and Philadelphia
The New Age, weekly, San Francisco, California.
The American Odd-Fellow, monthly, New York.
The Odd-Fellow's Companion, monthly, Columbus, Ohio.
The Talisman, monthly, Indianapolis, Indiana.
The Herz and Hand, monthly, Berlin, Prussia.
Texas Odd-Fellow, Waco, Texas.
The Leader, weekly, New York, (German.)

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE—REPORT ON.

I have great pleasure in reporting that the general correspondence of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary has been of the most agreeable and gratifying character, as well with the home jurisdiction as with our transatlantic brethren. Two official circulars were issued soon after the adjournment of the last session, relating to the legislation touching the Initiatory Ritual. The first, dated November 1, 1872, was intended as a general explanatory instruction as to the character and form of the changes adopted in that work, and was also specially designed to advise Grand Secretaries as to the importance of sending early orders for such supply as might be needed in their respective jurisdictions, in view of the fact that the new work was, by law, to go into effect on and after January 1, 1873. To prevent misunderstanding as to the price of the book, the resolution prescribing the terms of sale and exchange, at page 5539 Journal, was annexed. The second, issued 10th December, 1872, was addressed exclusively to members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, being an abstract of the secret Journal, comprising the changes proposed to be made in the Encampment Ritual. Each of these documents, copies of which are herewith submitted, reached their destinations in proper season and have given very satisfactory results. The Grand Secretaries acted with promptitude in responding to the instructions touching the introduction of the new Charge Book, and I was in consequence enabled to effect the distribution of that work with great rapidity and security. In fact, the exchange of eleven thousand copies of the new, for a corresponding number of the old edition, was so gradual and imperceptible as scarcely to interrupt the operations of a single Lodge. I am also extremely gratified to be enabled to say that a most cordial co-operation has been rendered in carrying into effect the requirements prescribed by the change of the fiscal year. More than one-half of the annual reports were in hand by April 1, 1873, and the balance were supplied at comparatively early periods thereafter, with one or two exceptions. Notwithstanding the very general desire of all the Grand Secretaries to acquit themselves of their duty in this regard, there are obstacles in many jurisdictions in their way, arising out of local regulations fixing the annual session of the Grand Lodge, which renders their efforts almost powerless in the premises. Although it was designed in the change of the fiscal year that the statistics required should be supplied by every Subordinate Jurisdiction irrespective of State regulations, yet many Grand

Bodies totally ignore that idea by declining to legislate in conformity to it, either by changing their annual meetings to suit or by passing proper laws to enforce special returns from subordinates to enable Grand Secretaries to perform their duty to this Grand Lodge. Under this state of circumstances our system must remain imperfect and unsatisfactory without further legislation. To remedy this evil I recommend that a supplementary law be passed in this connection which will make it obligatory upon State Grand Bodies to provide suitable legislation on the subject. The reports comprehend the period between January 1, 1872, and December 31, 1872, and indicate the highest degree of prosperity.

The correspondence with our foreign brethren in Germany, Switzerland, Australasia, Sandwich Islands, and the Republic of Peru has been exceedingly interesting, a portion of which is herewith submitted. The Grand Lodge of the German Empire was formally instituted at Fankfort, December 28th, 1872, at two o'clock P. M., and has entered upon its vast field of labor with a zeal and thoroughness of purpose which challenges and will insure a grand success. Upon Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, who honored us with his presence at the last session and left upon our minds and hearts so favorable an impression of his character and ability, and who had by his untiring labors in the good cause in Germany so well merited the high distinction, did the Grand Lodge of the German Empire confer the pre-eminent compliment of election as the first M. W. Grand Sire. That award is alike honorable to the executive officer and to the constituency by which it was conferred, and is a favorable augury of the rapid and healthful progress of Odd-Fellowship in Europe. The correspondence with our German brethren having connection with the organization of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, although voluminous, I have felt it to be my duty to present as an important part of the history of the times.

I respectfully present the following abstract of the general condition:

ALABAMA.—The following letter from Grand Secretary W. A. SHIELDS, accompanying the annual report from Alabama, is so full of solid and earnest encouragement that I present it in full. This eminently efficient Grand Secretary knows well what he writes about, and his representations are therefore the more gratifying. Under date of March 31 he writes thus:

"I enclose you annual report for Grand Lodge of Alabama for 1872. The figures do not show well on their face, but could you have been with us at the last session of our Grand Lodge you would have come to the conclusion that there was no room for drones in our hive. We have lopped off all incumbrances, and now consist of a solid, compact working body. The number of initiates show that we have not been idle during the year, and the work has been going on at an increased ratio since the adjournment of our Grand Lodge.

"The number of suspended or dropped is large; but this is to be accounted for on two grounds. First, the new law of our Grand Lodge, levying a per capita tax instead of per centage on receipts; and, second, the forfeiture of their charters by four Lodges which have failed to report in accordance with the provisions of our constitution. This latter fact will also account for the decrease in the number of Lodges. Last year we reported thirty Lodges, and this year but twenty-nine. During the year three new Lodges have been instituted, and four have become defunct through failure to report as above stated.

"All things considered we have more reason for congratulation than we have had at any time during the past five years. The brethren throughout the jurisdiction have gone to work with an earnestness that betokens fruitful results before the time of making our next annual report, and the indications are that we will not only increase in numbers, but that a spirit of zealousness will be infused into the membership that will be an earnest that in the future our altar-fires will not burn dimly."

ARKANSAS.—Bro. THOMAS R. WELCH, the experienced and prompt Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, has transmited his annual report in due season, accompanied with the following letter, which, considering the unsettled condition of the State, is highly encouraging:

"I send you herewith the annual report of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas. I have delayed sending it until the present time, in the hope of getting returns from all of our Lodges, but in this I have been disappointed. Our subordinate officers are not as prompt as they should be in many instances, and the means of communication with them is slow and difficult.

"It gives me much pleasure to report that our Lodges are, in the main, in a healthful and prosperous condition; the members generally are faithful in discharging the duties imposed upon them by our beloved Order. The increase of Odd-Fellowship in our State is not as great as we had hoped it would be, still it may be as great as it is healthful.

Bro. P. O. HOOPER, D. D. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Representative, who has rendered lasting and valuable service in his office, adds the following:

"I have this day forwarded you the annual returns of the Encampments in this jurisdiction. Enclosed find check for one hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifteen cents, dues to the Grand Lodge of the United States after deducting expenses of office for the year, amounting to twenty dollars. The condition of affairs in this jurisdiction is not at all gratifying. The subordinate branch is prospering slowly, and shows some increase over last year. I would have forwarded the returns sooner, but it has been almost impossible, after much correspondence, to get the reports from some of the Scribes.'

CALIFORNIA.—The highly accomplished brother who has so long and so meritoriously been honored with the office of Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this splendid jurisdiction, Bro. T. RODGERS JOHNSON, transmits his reports in proper time, and they supply the most gratifying evidence of the continued prosperity of our Order in the State. As compared with former reports the increase in every respect has been wonderful. The aggregate figures show the present strength of Odd-Fellowship, and indicate so firm and solid a basis as to justify the reasonable expectation that as the commercial and agricultural greatness of that jurisdiction shall be quickened into grander and grander proportions by the civilization and progressive enlightenment of the millions of China, Japan and the Pacific Ocean, that it will, in a few years, tread closely on the footsteps of the Empire State in our confederation. So mote it be.

COLORADO.—The reports from this jurisdiction are highly gratifying. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe J. W. RATLIFF has been prompt in his office, and rendered his returns with dispatch. The subjoined letter from this accomplished officer presents in a few but earnest words the situation of Odd-Fellowship in Colorado, which is truly cheering, considering the comparative youth of the jurisdiction. Bro. RATLIFF writes as follows:

"Herewith I send annual report of our Grand Lodge for the year 1872. You will see that the report shows the usual gradual increase in Lodges, members, and receipts.

"The condition of the Order in this young jurisdiction is all that we could reasonably hope for. We have instituted three new Lodges in Wyoming Territory since January 1st.

"The reports of our Encampments for December 31st, 1872, being made to the Grand Lodge of the United States prior to the institution of our Grand Encampment, which took place on the 18th of March, I have no data wherefrom to give any statistics, but will say, however, that there is a marked increase of interest in the Patriarchal branch of our Order in Colorado since the institution of our Grand Encampment. The Grand

Encampment meets at Pueblo on the 20th of October, 1873, being the night before the meeting of the Grand Lodge."

A Grand Encampment has been instituted in this jurisdiction during the past year, 13th March, by D. D. Grand Sire C. P. ELDER, from which body a Grand Representative will be present at this session. Our Order has had a rapidly prosperous career in Colorado, which is mainly to be attributed to the efficiency of its administration, in which no one has excelled our worthy brother, C. P. ELDER, who has filled every important office, including that of Grand Representative; in all of which positions he has devoted himself, at great personal sacrifice, most assiduously and efficiently to his duty; the fruits of which are apparent in the great prosperity which prevails.

CONNECTICUT.—From this fine jurisdiction, which has ever had the advantage of the most energetic, intelligent and zealous counsellors, whose practical example and persistent labors, superadded to their general influence, have been a source of great moral wealth to it, I have the first annual report, February 15, 1873, transmitted by the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. FREDERICK BOTSFORD. All honor to Bro. BOTSFORD; may he have many competitors for this distinction in the future. Under date of March 8 he writes as follows

"Herewith please find report of the Grand Encampment. The report of the Grand Lodge was forwarded on the 15th of last month, which I trust you received in due time.

"You will notice by the above reports that our jurisdiction is still advancing, and I may assure you that the future appears as promising as ever. During the year covered by my report only one Lodge has been added to our number, (Hancock, No. 28, resuscitated,) but the increase in membership is equal to previous years and is quite gratifying.

"Since the first of January, 1873, we have resuscitated one old Lodge, Polar Star, No. 77, and instituted one new one, Humboldt, No. 91; also revived one old Encampment, Midian, No. 7, Hartford. Both of the Lodges are within our city limits, making eight in New Haven. The last named Lodge initiated forty-two the first evening, and some fifty or sixty more applicants, all good German citizens. The work goes bravely on"

DELAWARE.—Odd-Fellowship in this State appears truly to have found a congenial home. The commanding position which it occupies, and the amount of active benevolence which it administers is so forcefully presented by the able Grand Secretary, Bro. ISAAC W. HALLAM, that words from me, in that connection, would be superfluous. His letter accompanying the annual report, is dated April 10th, and is as follows:

"I send you this day by mail the report of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, for the year ending with December 31st, 1872. It embraces a return from every working Lodge in the State, and affords gratifying evidence of prosperity; the gain for the term being one hundred and ten members, and the resuscitation of one Lodge in a locality that promises a good and abundant yield.

"To those living in the larger States, with their cities, towns and villages, where the material for increasing the numerical strength of Lodges exists in abundance, this gain may appear of no account, but with us it is a source of gratification. It shows that the teachings of the pioneers for the elevation of human character still have force. It shows that our organization can exist in the most sterile districts, through the influence of its own intrinsic worth. It shows that the principles of our noble Order continue to animate and guide those who are willing to work for the rescue of man from the vices and passions that daily entice and degrade him—and so long as this contest can be successfully waged, even with the slightest advantages, it is worthy of emulation and commendation.

"In conformity with resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, (page 5580,) in reference to the Rebekah Degree, I report that there is no Lodge of that branch in this jurisdiction. In 1869 permis-

sion was granted to organize a Lodge at Smyrna, but it is was never made available. A Lodge was instituted at Milford, but was unsuccessful in its struggle for a continued existence. The degree has been conferred upon a large number of 'daughters' in this city, but no effort has ever been made to concentrate their energies upon the establishment of a distinct organization.

"Some time ago I sent you copies of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware from its *legal* organization, in 1833, up to and inclusive of 1854. Your report states that these proceedings were required from 1831, but the formation of the Grand Lodge in that year was pronounced informal, and its proceedings illegal. In consequence, the organization was abandoned, and, it is presumed, the records destroyed, as they cannot be found in the archives."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—I am indebted to my brother, P. HALL SWEET, the ever prompt and attentive Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, for his annual report, received March 6, 1873. In a letter accompanying, bearing date March 3, he thus describes the situation in that jurisdiction:

"I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Grand Lodge of this District for the year ending December 31st, 1872. You will perceive there has been a slight decrease in the membership during the year, but in view of the number of members that have passed away, and the heavy disbursements we have made for relief, the report will compare favorably with that of any former year.

"I think the Order in this jurisdiction never rested on a more solid basis than it does now; and, profiting by the experience of the past, I trust the future will show an increasing brightness, and thus be instrumental in hastening on that glorious period when the principles of Odd-Fellowship shall command the admiration of the world."

The report of the Grand Encampment was also received in due season, 5th March, from the efficient Grand Scribe, Bro. THOMAS FOWLER, which indicates a good degree of prosperity.

FLORIDA.—Bro. J. J. YOKUM, the worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida, accompanies the annual report with the following very encouraging letter, which I present in his own words:

"Enclosed please find the annual report of the Grand Lodge of Florida for the year ending December 31st, 1872. You will see by the figures that the Order is gradually moving onward in its great work of brotherly love. Since the first of the present year the horizon of our Order is brightening up; we have every hope of resuscitating one of our old Lodges, and the Grand Master has granted a dispensation for the organization of one new Lodge.

"I think that the future in this State looks encouraging, with that substantial proof that our beloved Order not only sustains a firm foothold wherever its altar-fires have been kindled, but keeps moving onward."

GEORGIA.—The accomplished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this jurisdiction, Bro. JOHN G. DIETZ, accompanies his annual reports with the following interesting letter, under date of June 9, 1873:

"In common with the brotherhood at large I sincerely trust you have been fully restored from your recent illness, and that many years may yet be yours to your family and the beloved Order of Odd-Fellowship.

"I herewith send you the annual reports of both branches of the Order for this jurisdiction to December 31, 1872. While it is not as I would have it, it is the best I can make of it. I have to report the same difficulty as last year, not being able to make them tally. I have tried my very best. Some of our Lodges are very correct, while others cannot make the showing correctly.

The membership is increasing, as also the number of Lodges. The Encampment branch is improving some. There has been considerable effort to revive some of our defunct Lodges, and if it were not for the

financial depression of the country we could revive many of them, but money is hard to get. The Lodges now working are all in a healthy condition. Their dues are paid up promptly to the close of every year."

ILLINOIS.—The annual reports from this splendid jurisdiction are at hand with the characteristic punctuality of the eminently talented Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. NATHANIEL C. NASON. His accompanying letter is so full and gratifying in its presentation of the condition of the Order in the State that I herewith submit it in detail:

"The reports heretofore sent will show that Odd-Fellowship is by no means at a stand-still in the Prairie State. The net gain of the year is, in number of Lodges, thirty-six; in membership, twenty-five hundred and ten. In revenue, the excess over the last full year reported is twenty-nine thousand, six hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirty-five cents; and in relief, sixteen thousand and seventy-six dollars and forty-three cents. It is noticeable that, while the percentage of increase in Lodges is nine and one-ninth, in membership it is thirteen and one-half. This fact is gratifying, showing as it does that the gain in membership is not wholly or chiefly to be attributed to the new Lodges, as is often the case. In examining and abstracting the reports of subordinates, my attention was specially directed to this point, as most of the older Lodges, which for some years past have generally shown a slight falling off in membership, made substantial gains during 1872. Another point is worthy of note. Our Grand Lodge raises its revenue by a per capita tax based upon the number of members in good standing at the close of each semi-annual term. Hence there is a tendency in the Lodges to report their membership less than it should be rather than more. Financially we have prospered even in a higher degree than in membership—the gain over the last full year reported being more than eighteen per cent. In relief, as reported, the increase was seventy per cent. nearly. The actual amount of relief afforded, however, is much greater than indicated, as many Lodges that contributed to the Chicago Relief Fund omitted to include such contributions in their reports. But this was an exceptional year; and, while we have reason to be proud of the position our Order occupies, outranking all other benevolent organizations in amount of relief, promptness with which it was furnished, and efficiency in its management, let us hope that the time may be far in the future when a similar exigency shall arise to test the strength of the triple cord.

"The Reaper has been busy among us—one hundred and ninety deaths in an average membership of twenty thousand, five hundred and forty-two, showing nearly one per cent.—a higher death-rate than has fallen to our lot heretofore, except during four years of the late war. Among those who, during the year, were borne to their final resting place, was our venerable brother, JOHN R. WOODS, the last one of the original members of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

"In the Patriarchal branch the summing up of the year's operations is equally satisfactory. In number of Encampments we have gained ten, being a fraction over eight per cent., and in membership five hundred and thirty-six, more than thirteen and one-half per cent. The increase in revenue reported, however, is very slight, while the amount of relief is nearly two-and-a-half times that of the last full year. We have a few weak Encampments—some, perhaps, that will not be able to sustain themselves; but most are in good condition. We adopted the plan, some years ago, when an Encampment had become weak and likely to fail entirely, of effecting its removal, if practicable, to some neighboring town where fresh material to work upon might be obtained. We have thus succeeded in keeping our list nearly full, and infusing new life into what would otherwise have become dead branches. Some that are now among our strongest and most prosperous Camps have been saved only by removal. Since the close of the year Illinois Encampment, No. 3, of Chicago, defunct since

1848, has been revived, and its ranks are rapidly filling with first-class members, mostly from among our Scandinavian brethren."

During the recess, an application was made, with the approbation of the Grand Patriarch of Illinois, for the revival of Illinois Encampment, No. 3, of Chicago, chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1845, which had been defunct for many years: a special commission, at the request of the applicants, was issued to Bro. J. WARD ELLIS, of Chicago, R. W. Grand Representative, who kindly consented to accept the service, and handsomely acquitted himself of his duty in the premises on the 18th of June, 1873, as appears by his official report bearing date June 21st, 1873. The revived Encampment has entered upon its new career with bright promise, thirty-two petitions for membership having been received, and the Patriarchal degree having been conferred upon twenty persons at the opening. Upon receiving this flattering report of the special commissioner, Bro. J. WARD ELLIS, I informed the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Illinois of the proceeding, and that under our laws the revived Encampment would pass under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Illinois.

INDIANA.—The worthy and efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this large and influential jurisdiction, Bro. B. F. FOSTER, has transmitted his reports with his usual promptitude. The Grand Lodge of the State has, with commendable alacrity, responded to the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States by changing its terms so as to conform the period of reports strictly to its requisitions, and thus evinced a high appreciation of the importance of accurate and reliable general statistics. For the splendid condition of the Order in the State I submit herewith the very gratifying letter of the Grand Secretary, dated 5th May, 1873, which is as follows:

"I herewith enclose my reports for 1872 for Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment. I regret that they should have been delayed so long, but I have been unable to get a full and complete report from our Lodges and Encampments until the present moment; and even now we have some eight delinquent Encampments. As the time for closing my reports for our Grand Bodies is out, there will be no material change in the figures.

"Though we have not increased as rapidly in membership as might have been desirable, yet our growth has been of a permanent character. Our losses are of that nature that they have been rather an advantage to us, as we are rid of many members that were a serious hindrance to our growth and prosperity. Our receipts have been large, as you will see, and our relief report one of which we are not ashamed.

"In the Encampment branch you will find that there is but little reported for relief of widows or education of orphans. This is a matter in our jurisdiction wholly provided for by our Subordinate Lodges. Hence in my report of the Grand Lodge you will find that our donations in this direction have been unusually large, and will compare favorably with any other jurisdiction.

"As we are now fairly at work under our new law changing our terms as to time of closing, we shall have no trouble hereafter in making our report promptly and satisfactorily."

IOWA.—In this jurisdiction it is gratifying to observe no abatement in the zeal and activity of the administration of Odd-Fellowship, but on the contrary a continued and persistent ambition to enlarge its usefulness and to extend its benefits to every quarter of the State. Bro. WM. GARRETT, whose marked ability as Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe is testified by his re-election for more than twenty years, writes as follows:

"You will see from the reports that Iowa is on the increase; our gains for several years in both branches of the Order have been steady and about the same per cent. You will see, of Lodges we gain, in 1872, twenty-two; members, thirteen hundred and three; Encampments, two; patriarchs, one hundred and thirty-four. Since January 1st we have granted dispensations

to six Lodges, four Encampments and five Rebekah Degree Lodges; have forty-seven Rebekah Degree Lodges in the State. I believe we shall continue to grow in the future as in the past, steadily and successfully, and that before many years we shall have an Odd-Fellows Lodge in each of the ninety-nine counties of our State. We have in the State some ten or twelve Odd-Fellows' Protective Associations, and I think they are doing good. This system affords a cheap and safe insurance for the benefit of the families of our deceased brothers, and has relieved the wants of several widows and many orphaned children. The highest number of members allowed is one thousand, and an assessment of one dollar and ten cents is made on the death of each brother."

KANSAS.—As usual the annual reports of this prosperous jurisdiction are received in ample time, April 7th. I am indebted to Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, the able and prompt Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, for a very gratifying exhibit of the condition of the Order in the State, which I present in his own words, as follows:

"Herewith please find the annual report from Grand Lodge of Kansas, an analysis of which shows an increase of fifteen Lodges and six hundred and five members, an increase in receipts of two thousand, two hundred and thirty-three dollars, and of relief three thousand, seven hundred and ninety-six dollars; and while this is not as great as may have been expected, yet, when we consider that one or more Lodges already exist in nearly every town large enough to sustain one, or in which suitable rooms for Lodge purposes can be obtained, it is as large an increase as might reasonably be expected. From all the information I can gather, I discover no diminution of appreciation of the Order and its principles. The hindrances to its growth are measured by the want of means and suitable places to hold its meetings, and as these are removed I hope to see the Lodges and membership in Kansas second to none of equal age and population."

KENTUCKY.—On the 25th of March, Bro. WILLIAM WHITE, the highly esteemed and accomplished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Kentucky, transmitted the annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, accompanied with the subjoined interesting letter, which affords the most gratifying intelligence of the condition of Odd-Fellowship within this Grand Commonwealth. He writes as follows:

"In obedience to requirements and duty, I herewith furnish you the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction, which embraces the work of the past year, and exhibits as heretofore a gratifying increase in subordinates, membership, resources and usefulness.

"Fourteen new Lodges have been added to the number of the subordinates since the last report, and four new Encampments. A net gain of membership in the subordinate branch of five hundred and ninety-six has been realized, and in the Patriarchal branch ninety-eight.

"The reports of Subordinate Lodges show a revenue of fifty-nine thousand, four hundred and twelve dollars and ninety-one cents, and the Encampments, nine thousand, eight hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-nine cents, and twenty-eight thousand, eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and ninety-one cents have been expended by the Lodges for relief and other benevolent and charitable purposes, and three thousand, three hundred and eighty-six dollars and thirty-five cents by the Encampments, showing that we have not been idlers in the fraternal vineyard, and that the great heart of Odd-Fellowship, with us, has throbbed for others' woes, and the Order like the good Samaritan, has ministered to the suffering and distressed.

"The Lodges have all, except those working in the German language, been supplied with the new books, which must secure correctness and uniformity in the work."

LOUISIANA.—The reports from the two Grand Bodies of Louisiana were received 24th March last from Bro. F. W. DELESDERNIER, the present

Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who succeeds his predecessor, Bro. JONAH FOLGER, deceased. The death of Bro. FOLGER has been a serious loss to the Order, not only in Louisiana but to the brotherhood at large. My official intercourse with him, as Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, was agreeable and fraternal, and I recognized him as one among the many highly efficient members of that invaluable corps. The reports indicate general prosperity in the jurisdiction.

LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. AMERICA.—The attentive and highly efficient Grand Secretary, R. RADFORD BARNES, of this jurisdiction, sends his annual report on the 17th March, which is full of encouragement. He makes the "Macedonian cry" to some of the numerous representatives to come among them to stimulate and agitate Odd-Fellowship in their midst. It would be wise to heed this voice from all the younger and weaker jurisdictions. Left for the most part to themselves, and isolated comparatively, the wonder is that they do so well. Bro. BARNES writes, under date March 17th, as follows:

"The cause is progressing slowly, but surely. Two Lodges have been organized since January, 1873, and there are good prospects for more. If some one of the numerous representatives, brothers of our Order, could be induced to visit our jurisdiction this coming summer, much more could be accomplished."

MAINE.—Bro. N. G. CUMMINGS, the worthy and prompt Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this prosperous State, under date of March 27, accompanies his annual reports with the following exceedingly gratifying intelligence:

"Herewith please find the annual returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maine. We have made a large per centage of gain the last year, larger, I think, than for several years.

"The Encampments continue to go on, and have made a larger per centage of gain than the Lodges.

"Harmony and fraternal feeling exist in both branches of the Order throughout the jurisdiction."

In addition to this gratifying information, the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. GEORGE A. CALLAHAN, under whose administration this prosperous condition has been reached, sends the following cheering statement of date May 16th:

"I am highly gratified to be able to say that the Order in this State is growing rapidly and attaining the proud position to which it is justly entitled. I have just instituted a *new* Lodge at Augusta. (There are two defunct ones there.) The apologies we have had to make to the world for the absence of a Lodge at our State capital have been very grievous to be borne by us, and we can now proudly say that we have there the nucleus of one of the finest Lodges in the country. For instance, the Noble Grand is the Masonic Grand Master of this State, and a fine christian gentleman. The Vice Grand is as fine a worker as I ever met, a Mason of high standing and a leading physician, who at the age of fifty-six enters upon the work of Odd-Fellowship with as much enthusiasm as the initiate of twenty-one. The Secretary is the Governor's private secretary. The Treasurer is State Librarian. The Warden is Civil Engineer, and a fine man. And the initiate the first night was (is) the Secretary of the State Senate. So you see our material is first-class.

"Our returns are not all in, but I feel assured the past has been the most prosperous year for nearly twenty-five years to the Order in Maine."

MARYLAND.—Bro. JOHN HAHN, the thoroughly competent Grand Secretary of this ancient jurisdiction, accompanies his annual report with a letter which discloses the condition of the Order in the State. He writes, under date of 5th May, as follows:

"Herewith I have the honor to transmit the report of the operations of the Order in the jurisdiction of Maryland during the year 1872.

"Though we have rather decreased in numbers under the law suspending for one year's dues, yet it seems that but 'the drones in the hive' have been dropped off, leaving the real live members in fellowship.

"The Lodges, generally, are in a flourishing condition, with full appreciation of the duties devolving upon them. This is evidenced by the amount expended for the relief of the distressed and afflicted in every form.

"Let me express the earnest hope that the hand of affliction may be lifted from you, and that you may long be spared to continue the labor of love to which you have devoted almost a lifetime."

To which the estimable Grand Scribe, Bro. JOHN M. JONES, adds the following:

"Enclosed please find the annual report of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland for the year ending December 31, 1872, which I have the honor of transmitting to you. The Patriarchal branch of the Order in this jurisdiction is, I am proud to say, in a flourishing condition, there being an increase of forty-two members since the last report. There is great zeal manifested in carrying out the great principles of our beloved Order, and so far as I can learn, peace and harmony prevails throughout our entire jurisdiction, which is highly gratifying and encouraging to those engaged in the good work."

MASSACHUSETTS.—The annual reports from this great jurisdiction were transmitted by the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. C. D. COLE, with his accustomed regularity and in due season. We have had a year of unexampled prosperity in Massachusetts, and I congratulate the brotherhood upon the rich harvest which has rewarded their united labors. The increase of membership has been very large, but I leave Grand Secretary COLE to tell the story in his own cheering words. Under date of April 23th, he writes thus:

"It is with pride and pleasure that I again report to you the continued progress and advancement of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction. Since my last report we have gained five Lodges, and have increased in membership nineteen hundred and sixty-eight. Three Encampments have been added to the list, and the increase in the number of Patriarchs has been seven hundred and thirty-eight.

"The funds of the Lodges and Encampments have also increased very much during the past year. Their receipts have been one hundred and seventy-nine thousand, five hundred and forty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents; and the expenditures for benefits and charities have been forty-three thousand, four hundred and forty-one dollars and twenty-nine cents.

"During the past year several new halls for the uses of the Order have been erected and dedicated. Among them is the new Odd-Fellows' Temple in Boston, which is without doubt the most magnificent and convenient building ever constructed for the purposes of Odd-Fellowship; costing, all furnished, about four hundred thousand dollars. At the last session of the legislature charters were obtained for the erection of a number of new halls, and Lodges all over the State are striving to so arrange it that they will own the buildings which they may occupy. This fact alone gives the Order that character and standing in the community which the possession of property always commands. The prospects are that at our next sessions a large number of petitions for new Lodges and Encampments will be presented.

"The sessions of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are fully attended, and I think that more zeal and interest in our Order is manifested at the present time than ever before. The work throughout the jurisdiction is well and correctly performed, and in a uniform manner, owing in a great degree to our efficient Grand Instructor, SAMUEL B. KROGMAN, Past Grand Master.

"We also have eighteen Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, with a membership of one thousand, nine hundred and four."

MICHIGAN.—F. M. FOSTER, the very worthy and zealous Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Michigan, gives us a most interesting account of the triumphant progress of Odd-Fellowship in that highly prosperous field of work. I present the following brief but very satisfactory letter from him, under date of May 23:

"Herewith you will receive the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction. You will perceive by the figures in the reports that our progress has been as rapid during the past year as it was during the year previous, and that our Order is healthy and successful in every department. I am sorry that I could not, on account of my illness, send my reports sooner. I have been unwell most of the time since the session of the Grand Lodge. I was very glad to learn that your health is improving. I hope that you may soon be restored to sound health, and that there may be laid up for your remaining years an abundant store of happiness."

MINNESOTA.—The reports of this growing jurisdiction are in hand with the usual promptitude of the Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, received April 4. The continued ill health of this officer has prevented his sending any special statement of the condition of the Order. The reports, however, exhibit a very general prosperity.

MISSISSIPPI.—The report from Mississippi indicates a reasonable growth during the past year. From its most excellent and accomplished Grand Secretary, Bro. R. B. MAYES, I have information of the most gratifying character, which will appear in the subjoined letter accompanying his reports:

"As I anticipated, the visit of our truly worthy Grand Sire last year caused a great revival in the Order. In some Lodges the number of initiations was eighteen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-four, and in one instance forty-three. In our sparsely peopled country this is certainly remarkable. The lively interest which has been awakened in the Patriarchal branch of the Order is evinced by the creation of three new Encampments. Nothing prevents the rapid increase of the Order here except the pecuniary depression of our people, and the necessity of struggling hard for a subsistence. This is perhaps fortunate for the Order, for these are 'times that try men's souls,' and when we see how the trial results, we are enabled to judge of one's fitness to become an Odd-Fellow, not merely in name, but in spirit and in truth."

MISSOURI.—My brother, E. M. SLOAN, the prompt and intelligent R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this prosperous jurisdiction, communicates his reports in proper season. From these papers it is apparent that Odd-Fellowship continues to be actively, zealously and efficiently administered in the State. Many new Lodges have been formed during the past year. The increase of membership has reached five hundred, making the aggregate now eleven thousand, one hundred and sixty-one. In this connection the worthy Grand Master, Bro. M. C. LIBBY, makes the following very sensible remarks: "The very small increase of membership will greatly surprise those in attendance, yet it presents no cause of discouragement, as there must in every organization be periods of flagging interest or purification. Sometimes both of these causes, acting together, and the small net gain, may be the result of one or both of these causes, without any fear of a prominent check to our rapid growth, for our State, with its splendid position in the family circle of our common country, must ever occupy a commanding position." The Grand Secretary supplies also the subjoined gratifying letter, which thoroughly explains the situation in Missouri:

"Herewith find our annual report, which we trust will be in time and found correct.

"As will be seen, our increase in membership is quite small compared with previous years. The work of the Order, during the last year, however, has not been less important to our general and permanent prosperity

than formerly, and will, when results are known and properly estimated, be found to have accomplished much in the way of purification and fixing the true standard of the prerequisites of worthy membership.

"Our State has, for two years, been much less prosperous in finances than formerly, in consequence of failure of crops, heavy taxes to pay, rail road taxes, &c., &c., which fact of course will at all times affect, to a great extent, our peculiar institution.

"Though we indeed have much to rejoice over in that we are gaining ground constantly in the public esteem, and are stretching out in every direction, by planting new Lodges and reorganizing those that have long been suspended for want of local interest. Members formerly active in their Lodges, but who lost interest and confidence in times of strife and bloodshed, have fallen into line again, and are using every effort to revive old Lodges or organize new ones, and thus we are dotting our entire great commonwealth with Lodges and Encampments, which we may regard as the beacon lights which are destined to guide all to higher appreciation of the duties and responsibilities devolved upon us, and lead to greater zeal in our labor of love, more care as to who shall be permitted to accompany us in the victorious crusade against intolerance, vice, ignorance and superstition, and become aids in our efforts to relieve distressed humanity, comfort and educate orphans, and in short to leave the world the better for our having lived in it."

NEBRASKA.—Bro. JOHN EVANS, the active and attentive Grand Secretary of this rising jurisdiction, sends his report along, notwithstanding he has been greatly afflicted with ill health, and the exhibit is highly encouraging. Our Order has had a favorable year since the last annual reports, and the prospect is represented as quite auspicious in the future, as will fully appear from the annexed interesting letter of the Grand Secretary:

"Accompanying this find reports of the R. W. Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction for the year ending December 31st, 1872, the Encampment covering only six months.

"Our Order here is making good progress; the increase of membership is wholesome and drawn from among our very best citizens; and the perfect harmony and unity of earnest, zealous labor manifested by the brotherhood assures us a continued prosperity.

"The number of new Lodges instituted during the year is in the ratio of our former progress, and which has been continued to the present time, our number now being thirty-nine.

"The outlook for the future is bright, and a greater ratio of increase in the number of Lodges is indicated by the numerous correspondence with this office, which develops the existence of an earnest desire and determination to establish Lodges, as soon as suitable halls can be procured, in all the many new and thriving towns that now mark the rapid growth of the material interests of our young and beautiful State."

NEW HAMPSHIRE.—Bro. JOEL TAYLOR, the very efficient Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this valuable jurisdiction, has sent his reports with accustomed promptness in proper time, accompanying which he supplies a brief but highly satisfactory account of the condition of Odd-Fellowship in the State. He writes, under date of May 13, as follows:

"In transmitting the annual report of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, it is with a good degree of satisfaction that I can say that the past year has been one of unusual prosperity with us. The stability of the Order has increased, the means of doing good have increased, and I believe that the community is improved and benefited by the principles of our institution, as shown by the several Lodges in the jurisdiction. With thirty-six Lodges we have a membership of four thousand, six hundred and ninety-two. Paid for relief twelve thousand, three hundred and ninety dollars and eighty-three cents. Annual receipts thirty-one thousand, five hundred and six dollars and sixty cents. Cash and investments ninety-nine thousand, four hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty-seven cents.

"The Encampment branch continues to prosper, with a good increase from the previous year. The membership is fifteen hundred and sixty-six, with nineteen Encampments, one of which was instituted during the past year. Paid for relief twelve hundred and sixty-six dollars. Annual receipts five thousand and fifty-eight dollars and forty-six cents. Cash and investments about fourteen thousand dollars.

"We have three Relief Associations, with a membership of about fourteen hundred, which is thought to be doing a great good.

"Hope to be excused for a seeming lack of promptness with regard to the above remarks."

NEW JERSEY.—As usual, the most excellent Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of this prosperous State in Odd-Fellowship, Bro. LEWIS PARKER, Jr., transmits his reports with exemplary promptitude, accompanied with the subjoined very interesting letter, bearing date April 1, 1873:

"I am again able to report the steady increase of our Order in this jurisdiction. Nothing has occurred during the past year to retard our onward progress. Our membership is enlarging, and our financial prospects are encouraging. One of the most important matters agitated among us is the erection of an asylum for our widows and orphans. The responses from our subordinates are very gratifying, and strengthen the hope that this important undertaking may not be long delayed. Harmony and peace prevail among us, and we can truly exclaim, as we contemplate the fraternal relations existing among the brotherhood, 'behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.'"

NEW YORK.—The annual reports from this great jurisdiction are at hand in most acceptable time, hastened with all possible dispatch by the most punctual and able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. C. V. CLARK, who remarks, briefly, in very gratifying language, as follows:

"Herewith please find the annual report of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for the year ending December 31st, 1872. This includes the work of fifteen months, the last report being necessarily curtailed our terms ending March and September.

"Pardon the delay; as it was impossible to get a satisfactory report at an earlier day. You will observe from the figures that we are progressing as fast as is desirable."

Our brethren of New York have been called during the present summer to mourn the loss of one of the most renowned Odd-Fellows of his day and generation; one whose fame is written in imperishable words upon every page of our record, and whose labors in the great cause have not only been co-extensive with the Order, but in a good degree have supplied the material out of which its history must be formed. Our well beloved brother, JOHN A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire, passed from time to eternity on the 26th day of June, 1873, at two o'clock thirty-two seconds P. M., at his home in the city of New York, in the arms of his devoted wife, surrounded by his family and many friends. Few men have equalled Bro. KENNEDY in usefulness to society at large, or in pure and disinterested offices of humanity; none have surpassed him in the long line of illustrious Odd-Fellows who have preceded him in their departure; none whose loss will be more severely felt or more sincerely mourned. So long as Odd-Fellowship shall endure will his name be cherished with love and veneration.

NEVADA.—On the 28th March, the mail supplied the annual report of this growing member of our confederacy. Accompanying is an interesting letter from Grand Secretary F. V. DRAKE, which I present as an evidence of the prosperity of the jurisdiction:

"Enclosed please find the annual report of our Grand Lodge for the year ending December 31st, 1872.

"An error occurred in the supplemental report of the last Grand Lodge, viz., from July 1st to December 31st, 1871. It seems that all the Lodges did not understand the character of, nor send in the supplemental report

for that year, so that Bro. KINKAID, the Grand Secretary, was compelled to estimate, or guess at the number of members, hence the error of six in our report. I have no means of ascertaining where the trouble occurs (as all the reports sent me foot up correctly) without going in person to the several Lodges and overhauling their several sets of books, and also their duplicate returns. This it will be impossible for me to do, and I must hazzard your displeasure by sending the report in its present shape.

"It has been a considerable task to get subordinates to understand exactly their duties in connection with the change of the fiscal year of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but we now have them working smoothly and well, and I hope no further errors will occur in the annual reports from Nevada.

"I have been figuring on the returns of our subordinates since the organization of our Grand Lodge, and find that our increase for the year just past is in about the same ratio as that of preceding years. We think that this kind of growth indicates health and vigor, and at the same time gives evidence of care on the part of Subordinate Lodges as to the character of their membership. The people of the Pacific Coast may be an impulsive, excitable class, but you will find their Odd-Fellows very precise and exacting in all matters connected with the Order."

NORTH CAROLINA.—I am indebted to Bro. J. YOPP, the M. W. Grand Master of this jurisdiction, for an interesting letter touching Odd-Fellowship in the State, which I present entire, in order that the brethren may see how important it is to lend a helping hand to the worthy and heroic efforts which are being made to promote our Order in the South, and how earnestly the appeal is made in that behalf. The Grand Master writes, under date of April 24, as follows:

"I send you herewith the annual report of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, for the year ending December 31st, 1872.

"You will see from the report that whilst we have reinstated, admitted by card, and initiated one hundred and fifty-seven members, our total number is very little more than at last report.

"I am happy to say, however, that since the commencement of the present year, Odd-Fellowship has taken a forward start in this jurisdiction—a spirit of revival seems to pervade the State, and the Lodges are all increasing in membership.

"I resuscitated Salem Lodge, at Salem, on the 13th February, and have reasonable hopes that it is on a solid basis. It has not worked since the war.

"On the 10th instant I opened a new Lodge at Black Creek, in Wilson county, to be known as Hope Lodge, with seven charter members—young, zealous Odd-Fellows—and initiated two new members on same day.

"Cape Fear Lodge, of this city, has thrown out a young swarm from the old hive, and I shall institute a Lodge here on the 26th, to be called Orion Lodge.

"From all portions of the State my information is encouraging. Several of our old Lodges that have lain dormant for years are in the throes of a new birth, and are making efforts to live again, but unfortunately our people are poor, and that is the grand secret of our apparent apathy.

"If the Grand Lodge could extend us a helping hand, I am satisfied that under my successor the Order would make rapid strides onward and upward in this State during the next year."

OHIO.—No more powerful jurisdiction exists in our Order, in both branches, than Ohio, and none which promises to attain to greater proportions in all the elements which make up the moral wealth of a vast benevolent organization. The eloquent and cheering letter of the distinguished Grand Secretary, Bro. W. C. EARL, tells the tale in language which will warm every heart. Under date of March 19th, he writes thus:

"It is my privilege again to transmit to you a report from the Grand

Lodge of Ohio, for the year 1872, being the fourteenth report which has passed under my hands.

"It is with no little pride that I submit to you and the Order at large the exhibit which this report presents. An army of over forty thousand banded together for the noble work which Odd-Fellowship assigns to its members, is capable of working much good to the human race—of ameliorating the sufferings of many of their fellow-beings—of soothing the anguish of many a bereaved one, if they but remember and are faithful to their vows.

"In the work assigned us we do not claim superiority over our brethren in other jurisdictions, but we strive at least to avoid being surpassed by them. We ardently long for the day when *all* who march beneath our banners, in whatsoever land or clime, shall be Odd-Fellows in spirit and in act—when every stain shall be wiped from the character of our members, and to be called and known as an Odd-Fellow will be an evidence of the possession of all the higher manly qualities of which our nature is susceptible.

"But we rejoice not more in our own strength and power than in the grand strides our beloved Order is making to extend its beneficent influence over the wide world.

"Beside the statistics required to be presented, I may add that the Lodges in Ohio report a surplus fund on hand of over one million dollars to meet the future wants of the brotherhood."

To this glowing account the very estimable and accomplished Grand Scribe, Bro. JOSEPH DOWDALL, adds the following:

"Herewith find annual report of the Grand Encampment of Ohio for 1872.

"The year 1872 has been one of unusual prosperity. We have instituted eighteen Encampments, and reinstated one, thus increasing to one hundred and fifty-three working subordinates. Our increase in membership is seven hundred and sixty, or eight per cent. over 1871; and while the receipts have increased about eighteen per cent., the relief is but a trifle less than the previous year—showing a remarkable health in our jurisdiction. With a membership of more than ten thousand Patriarchs, and an earnest and untiring worker at the head of the column (Grand Patriarch ARMSTRONG) for the coming year, we hope to sustain the good reputation we now have in the support and advancement of the great principles of our beloved Order."

ONTARIO.—From the Grand Lodge of this Dominion I have the annual report, April 9, and that of the Grand Encampment, March 29. For the former I am indebted to the characteristic energy of the very able Grand Secretary, Bro. J. B. KING, and for the latter, to the promptitude of Bro. M. D. DAWSON, the efficient worthy Grand Scribe. Each of these officers has been kind enough to accompany their reports with highly gratifying letters showing the situation of Odd-Fellowship in Ontario, which are herewith submitted. Bro. KING writes as follows:

"I have much pleasure in handing you herewith the annual report of Ontario, for the year ending 31st of December, 1872. I very much regret that I have not been able to send it sooner, but my desire to have it complete, and to give the jurisdiction full benefit, caused me to delay until every return should have been received; yet I am compelled to send it on without two returns.

"I further enclose a copy of the statement I have prepared and sent out to the Lodges, by which it is seen that our present actual membership is five thousand, six hundred and forty-nine; gain over last report sixteen hundred and ninety-four; that our aggregate revenue reached twenty-five thousand, two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and forty-four cents, one-third of which and more (eight thousand, seven hundred and sixty-six dollars and ninety cents) was disbursed in relief, and that eleven new Lodges were instituted during the last year. I have also sent a copy to each Grand

Secretary in the United States, that all may know how we are progressing. As very many Lodges, or rather members, think the benefits paid by their respective Lodges are very small, I have given several averages to show them that, generally, the Order pays as large benefits as the quarterly payments will warrant, and were we not very careful as to the class we take in we could not pay so much.

"Although the Order has so greatly increased, both numerically and financially, I think it has *excelled* in its far greater mission, the elevation of the moral standard of society. The number of claims upon the Lodges for relief of afflicted brothers and destitute widows and orphans are being so promptly and kindly met, that many who have been prejudiced against us are now learning to believe that Odd-Fellowship is something real. While we can count our cash relief by dollars and cents, the value of the kind words and acts of love cannot be estimated in that way.

"In the eastern section of the Province, where a few years ago but one Lodge existed, (Brook Lodge, No. 9,) Lodges can now be counted by dozens, almost every town of note having its Lodges, and each sending in good reports.

"Bro. JNO. MURRAY, M. W. Grand Master, has been indefatigable in his efforts to further the cause, spending a great deal of time in instituting new Lodges and visiting old ones.

"I hear that mostly all of the Lodges are preparing to observe in some appropriate manner the coming 26th of April, the fifty-fourth anniversary, which is now being looked upon as one of the events of the year.

"I hope and expect that the next report to the Grand Lodge of the United States will show one hundred Lodges in good standing upon the roll."

To which Grand Scribe DAWSON adds the following:

"I have much pleasure in forwarding you the annual returns to 31st December, 1872. The subordinates, many of them, have been late in making theirs; in fact one has not yet returned, or I would have sent them to you long before. According to instructions, I returned the delinquent with the same membership as in their last return. We are prospering. A new Encampment was organized in January. Another one will open on Friday of this week, and on Good Friday another. So you see our motto is onward."

OREGON.—Bro. CHESTER N. TERRY, long the highly accomplished Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, sends, on the 12th of March, his annual report, with the following cheering letter, which fully explains our condition in that distant part of our field of operations, and which is full of interest. He writes thus:

"Please find enclosed my annual report for year ending December 31st, 1872. You will see we are still progressing, and our prospects continue to be bright and encouraging; a fair increase in Lodges and members, fully up to the increase of our population; and may our Grand Master above, who rules all things right, continue his care and protection over us as an Order, not only in this jurisdiction, but wherever our glorious banner waves triumphant to the breeze. To Him all praise be given."

PENNSYLVANIA.—The reports of this vast power in our federation have been received from that most zealous and accomplished officer, Bro. JAS. B. NICHOLSON, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in proper season. To present even a general resume of the condition which the reports exhibit, would be impossible in the analysis usually made by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary. It is gratifying to learn, however, that the Order not only knows no respite or relaxation of progress in Pennsylvania, but, on the contrary, having gathered in past years such accumulated energy and vim, it continues to be impelled forward, as it were, by its own exhaustless momentum, and to distribute itself like the resistless flow of a mountain stream wherever its enriching and invigorating influence is able

to reach. In every section of the State are its banners unfurled, and still the cry is, brethren, "weary not in well doing" whilst there remains a single spot of the vast empire yet unoccupied. The Grand Master, in his annual report, shows that in twenty-seven years nearly one hundred and seventy thousand members were admitted, whilst the amount of revenue contributed in the same period was eight millions and a half, of which sum nearly four millions was applied for relief.

The distinguished Grand Secretary, Bro. NICHOLSON, in concluding his annual report, presents a comparative condition of the Order in the city of Philadelphia in 1823 and 1873, from which it appears that whilst Pennsylvania Lodge stood alone in 1823 in that city, in 1873 one hundred and thirty-two Lodges are at active work, having expended for relief over one hundred and seventy thousand dollars. Ninety-one thousand, two hundred and thirteen members are in compliance in the State, and seven hundred and fifty-four Subordinate Lodges at work. Let our hearts rejoice at this exhibit, and may its cheering influence spread far and wide until every sister jurisdiction catches the glorious inspiration.

I have received a communication from Rev. Bro. JAMES SHRIGLEY, Past Grand, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, No. 820 Spruce street, Philadelphia, soliciting for preservation in that institution "any and every thing, either manuscript or printed matter, which will throw any light on the rise and progress and present extent of Odd-Fellowship, and such duplicate publications as I may have at my disposal." Regarding this application as highly complimentary to our Order, I was extremely desirous of fully responding to it. My authority in the premises being limited, I was obliged to reply that the two most valuable works touching the subject referred to, viz., the revised Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, from 1821 to 1872 inclusive, seven volumes, and White's Digest of the laws and decisions, one volume, octavo, could only be donated by the Grand Lodge of the United States, which would be in session in September, 1873, when, upon motion of any of the members from Pennsylvania, a resolution responsive to the request would be undoubtedly passed. The only documents on hand at my disposal, being the Journal of the last session, the Wildey Eulogy, and the Standard Tract, were at once mailed to the brother. As the correspondence presents some interesting matter touching our historical material, I respectfully submit it.

RHODE ISLAND.—The claim made by the distinguished Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Rhode Island, Bro. JOHN F. DRISCOL, that it is the Banner State in our Confederacy, considering the field of labor and extent of population, appears to be well sustained, and it will cheer every true Odd-Fellow's heart to read the annexed letter from him accompanying his reports under date of March 10. This example is well worthy the imitation and emulation of the brotherhood at large:

"Enclosed please find the annual report of the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, which I hope may prove correct. We still claim the palm as being the Banner State, having at this date (March 10) thirty Lodges and fifteen Encampments, all in a prosperous condition. It affords me great pleasure to assure you that, at no time since the introduction of the Order in Rhode Island, has it been in a more prosperous or stable condition. Entire harmony prevails in all the Lodges, and everything betokens a healthy condition of Odd-Fellowship. We are a unit—a solid phalanx—ready, able and willing to discharge every obligation and duty which we have assumed.

"The Patriarchal branch, during the next year, will exceed any period since its organization in the State."

SOUTH CAROLINA.—My very excellent brother, ROBERT JAMES, the able Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, renders his report at a very late period it is true, but he is not without a fair excuse for the delay. I am exceedingly gratified to perceive that our Order is making evident progress in South

Carolina, and to the end that the Grand Lodge may have an intelligent view of the situation in that State, I give at length the very interesting letter of the Grand Secretary, which follows, premising that I cordially concur in the opinion expressed by the writer, that the sum of one thousand dollars appropriated in aid of the revival of Odd-Fellowship in South Carolina would be a most judicious investment, if properly confided. My impression is that the best disposition to be made of it would be to commit it to the charge of the Grand Lodge of the State. I am very confident that it will be most effective in the hands of the authorities of the Order in the State. Bro. JAMES writes thus:

"Before closing, Bro. RIDGELY, permit me to add a word or two as to the future prospects of our Order in this jurisdiction. You will perceive, by my return, that there has been a *gain* over that of my last report, when I returned seven hundred and sixty-three members for the fractional part of the year.

"I feel now perfectly satisfied, from the reaction which has recently taken place in the middle and upper sections of the State, that the day of our weakness as an Order, since the war, has passed, and that a new era is about to dawn more favorably upon us. During the last three months two Lodges have been resuscitated, and one *new* instituted; and this, too, in the face of the many difficulties which our Order has passed through. No people ever suffered more. What we need now is a little money, and then the whole machinery of Odd-Fellowship can be put in successful motion.

"In my letter a year ago, when I made my last report, I called your attention to the fact that if the Grand Lodge of the United States would donate, by placing in the hands of a select committee, or otherwise, the small sum of one thousand dollars for the purpose of forming new and reviving old Lodges, there can be no doubt that the result would, in a very short time, prove a decided success in building up the Order in this State. There are twenty counties where no less than twenty Lodges might be put to work.

"Can there be nothing done for us in this good and noble work at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States?

"Incalculable benefits to the Order will be an abundant harvest to be reaped in promoting the teachings of our beloved Order for future generations. The field of labor for work to be done is therefore very large here.

"Bro. RIDGELY will pardon me in making this personal appeal, in order that your influence might be obtained in our behalf, with a view of building up the noble and grand structure of Odd-Fellowship in South Carolina. It is in working material that we most need, as not only our Lodge buildings were destroyed, but our regalia, jewels, &c., met one common fate at the hands of the destroyer.

"It is true we are recovering from our losses, but slowly. In all the counties where Lodges could be put to work in a very short time, all that is necessary is to aid them in purchasing the regalia and working material.

"In conclusion, let me impress upon you the many benefits that would result from some action in our behalf. We are poor. The war made us poor; and all we ask is that a liberal spirit be shown us, so that the chain of Odd-Fellowship may embrace in its bounds the entire earth."

TENNESSEE.—From this important jurisdiction I acknowledge the receipt of the annual report of the Grand Lodge in due season, from the efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. J. R. HARWELL. I have to express my sincere sorrow at the loss, by death, since our last session, of Bro. R. H. BARRY, late Grand Secretary of that State, who for many years was an active correspondent of this office, and a highly accomplished officer. I present the following very interesting letter from Grand Secretary HARWELL, which will fully exhibit the situation of the Order in Tennessee, and which assures good promise in the future:

"Odd-Fellowship in Tennessee has never been as successful as in many other jurisdictions. It is not necessary now to enumerate the causes that have retarded our progress. They have been many and powerful. But by a careful survey of the field, and a knowledge of the means at hand and the elements at work, I am led to believe that an era of prosperity is near, hitherto unknown in this State. Our improvement since the late war, though not very marked, has been steady and healthful—many Lodges have been reorganized, and new life has been infused into the Order generally. What we need most in Tennessee is frequent visitations from Grand Officers and experienced brethren competent to give instructions in the work of the Order, and a greater interest taken to keep the Order prominent before the public.

"I notice an improvement in every instance where there is a well-conducted public demonstration—new interest is manifested by the brotherhood, members dropped from the roll are reinstated, and new ones are brought in.

"The standard of Odd-Fellowship in Tennessee is constantly being raised, and the time is not far distant when it will be exceedingly difficult for bad men to gain admission. We have been taught by painful experience to guard well the threshold of our institution. There are many good men amongst us who are willing to sacrifice much for the interest of the Order, and their number is slowly but steadily increasing."

TEXAS.—Bro. GEO. W. GROVER, the intelligent and attentive Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, accompanies his report with the following gratifying letter:

"First, dear Bro. RIDGELY, permit me to express my heartfelt thanks for your recovery from a bed of severe illness. The delay in my report was unavoidable. Our State is growing so rapidly—railroads, as they stretch their ties, are constantly creating new stations—some of which are before the post office here (and they pride themselves as being A No. 1 in their line) know of their existence, are styled *city*—a Lodge is instituted, I mail matter to the Noble Grand or Secretary, and it is returned—no post office of such a name. Twice within one month, or rather a few weeks, has this occurred, and several times I have asked where such a post office is, and they could not tell me the county. You may judge when I state that the places, although apparently of mushroom existence, are so *only* in their first appearance on the dotted map of our vast republic. For instance, a station, now styled city, opened with five scholars at a public school—within two months it numbered over one hundred pupils. With these facts I mailed my returns to you, to ascertain how many withdrawals from other Lodges, so as to make my figures as near correct as possible. I now hand them to you to my best knowledge and belief.

"You will perceive that the Order has had a prosperous year in this jurisdiction. The increase in both branches has been large, and up to our expectation. As the State continues to multiply its population, and railroads are established and business extended, we have the assurance of a corresponding prosperity in the Order."

VERMONT.—I am indebted to Bro. H. M. CURRIER, the very able and zealous Grand Secretary of Vermont, for the following gratifying letter which accompanies the annual report. This statement is so decidedly encouraging, and full in all particulars, that I give the whole letter as follows:

"I have been, dear Bro. RIDGELY, out of the State this season, only making flying visits to Brattleboro, therefore your letter and others have remained for some time unanswered.

"The Order in Vermont was never on a firmer basis, I think, than at present. The jurisdiction is small, and we do not make much show of growth, but yet we are steadily advancing. We have at present seventeen Lodges at work. Since January 1st one new Lodge has been instituted, and what is best of all, old Vermont Lodge, No. 2, at Montpelier, has been

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revived. This was the place where the Grand Lodge of Vermont was instituted, and the revival of the Order there was what all Odd-Fellows in the State desired. The other Lodges are well at work—increasing in membership and their good works.

"They all express themselves well satisfied with the newly arranged Charge Book, and expect as much of an improvement to be made in the degrees the coming session."

VIRGINIA.—The worthy Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Virginia, Bro. WM. J. RIDDICK, has fallen into line at length by supplying his annual reports in good season, for which I sincerely congratulate him. There is no better evidence of the efficiency and value of a public officer than persistent effort on his part to acquit himself of duty. Accompanying, I present a gratifying letter from him, showing the condition and prospects of the Order in Virginia, in the following words:

"I have the honor of enclosing to you, Bro. RIDGELY, the report of the Grand Lodge of Virginia for the year ending December 31st, 1872, and am happy to say that the Order in our jurisdiction is in as healthy condition as it has been for years; and while we cannot boast of very large increases in membership, we are moving along slowly but surely, showing an increase of membership, an unabated zeal and attachment by the members of the Order generally to the principles and aims of our Order, and we trust to be able to show in another year even a much better state of affairs, not only in numbers, but in the practical effects of the working of our beloved Order.

"I also enclose the report of the Grand Encampment of Virginia to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the term ending December 31, 1872, and am gratified to state that this branch of the Order, as the other, is in a prosperous, growing and healthy state, increasing steadily in numbers and usefulness.

"Herewith is also subjoined a certified copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge, as an act of justice to Grand Secretary RIDGELY." See documents accompanying Grand Secretary's report.

WEST VIRGINIA.—Our highly esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. THOMAS G. STEELE, sends his annual report timely, and with it gives us words of good cheer from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. In no section of our wide spread field of work does there prevail a more zealous administration, or do larger and more solid rewards attend the labors of our brethren. He writes as follows:

"You will find herewith the returns of this jurisdiction for the year ending December 31, 1872. It is a duty that I did not think would have fallen to my lot. But it hath pleased my brethren to place me again in my former position, and the pleasing duty devolves upon me to present to you this report. I feel myself unable to express in fitting terms the gratitude we owe our God for his goodness manifested to our Order in bringing it through the trials and difficulties of the past eleven years. From a few we have grown to be a goodly band. Our altar-fires are burning brightly, and the incense rises with prayers from grateful hearts. Our future is cheered by hope far beyond our most sanguine expectations. Three new Lodges loom up in the bright future. How truly can we comprehend the import of the words, look around and see what a change a few years have wrought.

"Accept my thanks for the many kindnesses rendered me during the past, assuring you that they live green in my memory. May God spare you long to us."

Bro. H. A. UTHMAN, the able Grand Scribe, adds the following, indicating a corresponding prosperity in the Patriarchal branch:

"I have the pleasure to inform you that the Encampments in this jurisdiction are all in a healthy condition. We have added two more new Encampments to the link, and our prospects are brighter for the future, as all intend to put their shoulder to the wheel and not stop till every worthy and good man is gathered within the fold of the tent. Our Grand Encamp-

ment has just closed its session. We had one of the most pleasant and harmonious sessions that we ever had, and all feel the importance of making this branch of the Order what it is intended to be. May the good work go on till all the rough roads become smooth, and we can all sit in the great tent of the Patriarch Abraham in peace and harmony."

WISCONSIN.—Thanks to the veteran and able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of Wisconsin, Bro. L. B. HILLS, for his reports with his characteristic promptitude. His letter accompanying is a practical specimen of the "*multum in parvo*," as well as of thorough business capacity. It is as follows:

"The condition of the Order in both branches of this jurisdiction are A 1—with the exception of two or three Lodges and Encampments—and improving every term. It rejoices the heart to see so many of our old Past Grands and Past Grand Officers again putting on their regalia for the work. We feel that Wisconsin is not behind any sister northwestern jurisdiction in her zeal for the welfare of the Order."

NEW MEXICO.—I have nothing especially to report from this jurisdiction. Paradise Lodge, No. 2, under charge of Bro. JOHN RITTER, D. D. Grand Sire, continues to work with fair success. The annual report and dues for year ending December 31, 1872, were received in January, 1873.

DAKOTA.—Bro. T. J. KINKAID, D. D. Grand Sire, administers the office of D. D. Grand Sire in this jurisdiction with great zeal and ability, and with corresponding success. There are four Lodges at active work in the Territory, regular reports from three of which, with dues, have been promptly transmitted to this office.

MONTANA.—Our Order has been eminently successful in Montana under the very active and energetic supervision of Bro. D. H. CUTHBERT, D. D. Grand Sire, who gives the most gratifying account of its progress in the jurisdiction. Four Lodges are under his charge, and one Encampment, located at Helena, all of which are in the best condition, and have made their annual report with dues. An application for a Grand Lodge has been received, the granting of which I cordially recommend.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.—There are now three Lodges in successful operation in this Province, located at Montreal, in charge of Bro. GEORGE VAREY, D. D. Grand Sire. The rapid progress in Montreal is due to the extraordinary energy and great administrative ability of the D. D. Grand Sire, who has applied himself with unflagging assiduity to his important trust.

PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.—A petition was received through Grand Representative JAMES GIBSON, of Ontario, from a number of brethren in the town of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, British America, for a Subordinate Lodge warrant, which was duly issued to Bro. GIBSON, on May 21, 1873, with a special dispensation to Bro. R. D. PATTERSON, Past Grand and Past Deputy Grand Master, of Kingston Lodge, Ontario, to institute the same, whose return of the institution thereof is herewith submitted.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—It is gratifying to me to report that the Order in the Sandwich Islands has, after ten years separation from this immediate jurisdiction, returned, and appears to manifest an earnest desire to keep pace with the progress of the Order in the United States. The transfer of jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge of California, as well as the return to that of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was at its own request, and has had the entire concurrence of all parties interested. In so far as the Grand Lodge of the United States was concerned, we had no wish to gratify beyond the correction of a great mistake, which was obviously made in the legislation authorizing the transfer in this and other kindred cases, and to this extent the return has given us pleasure. It was certainly out of place that the Order in a foreign country should be subordinate to a subordinate Grand Lodge, to say nothing of many other very serious objections to such legislation. The Grand Lodge of California, and its Grand Representatives

very cordially acquiesced in this proceeding. Since the last session the charter of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, at Honolulu, was revived. This Encampment had been dormant for many years. I have had a very pleasant correspondence with D. D. Grand Sire C. V. BARTOW, and with Bro. W. C. PARKE, Past D. D. Grand Sire, touching the welfare of the Order in these Islands, which is herewith submitted. I have earnestly recommended, as a means of relief against the constitutional restriction on the subject of membership contained in our laws, that they take measures to organize a Grand Lodge.

UTAH TERRITORY.—There are two Lodges now at work in this Territory, and one Encampment, all located at Salt Lake City. Utah Lodge, No. 1, chartered in 1865—Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, chartered at last session, and Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, June 4, 1873. Utah Lodge, No. 1, by resolution of September session, 1866, was placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nevada. Under the idea, it is presumed, that this legislation actually transferred Odd-Fellowship in Utah Territory to the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and virtually merged the Territory into Nevada, jurisdiction over Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, has been exercised by the Grand Lodge of Nevada, with the concurrence and approbation of the Lodge. In this state of things, application was made for a charter for the organization of Encampment No. 1, to be located at Salt Lake City, accompanied with a declaration of purpose to pass under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California. As this application came exclusively from members of Lodge No. 2, the charter was granted with great hesitation, and only with a positive condition that it was exclusively subject to immediate subordination to the Grand Lodge of the United States until otherwise ordered. I trust that the decision of the Grand Lodge, at the last session, as to the extent of power delegated to Grand Bodies over subordinates in contiguous territories, will be enforced by additional appropriate legislation. It is well understood that the authority designed to be conferred was simply supervisory, since the constitution, article 1, section 7, expressly vests exclusive jurisdiction over all countries where no Grand Lodge exists in the Grand Lodge of the United States. Under this state of things, I have no information to communicate to the Grand Lodge of the United States touching the condition of the Order in several of the territories of the United States, since no reports are made either by the Lodges in such territories or the Grand Lodges under whose temporary care they have been placed. This subject requires harmonious adjustment in some form at an early moment. My advice is, that Grand Lodges be encouraged, at an early moment, in all the territories in such circumstances.

IDAHO, WASHINGTON, ARIZONA AND WYOMING TERRITORIES.—Odd-Fellowship in these Territories recognizes no immediate subordination to the Grand Lodge of the United States, having been placed by law under the supervision and care of contiguous Grand Lodges. By a strange construction of this law, these Grand Lodges have assumed the prerogative secured exclusively by the constitution, article 1, section 7, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and have exercised its highest attribute of sovereignty by creating Subordinate Lodges, in the National Jurisdiction, under their State warrants or charters. It must be conceded that in the exercise of this authority, which has been going on for years, they have not been in any way checked heretofore, and that they have done good service in promoting the spread of the Order in these emote and sparsely settled Territories. In Idaho and Washington, Oregon has chartered five or six Lodges; in Wyoming, Colorado has chartered several, and as far as we have information from the periodical press, they are all successful and prosperous. It will be necessary for the Grand Lodge of the United States to confirm the charters of all such Lodges, or to issue new charters for them, since it must be obvious that no subordinate can legally exist under this *immediate* jurisdiction unless chartered by the Grand Lodge of the United

States, nor can any petition from subordinates chartered by any other authority, for the formation of a Grand Body, be entertained by the Grand Sire. As most of these Territories are ripe for Grand Lodge organizations, the sooner this difficulty is adjusted the better for all interests involved. A general law, to confirm all subordinates chartered by State authority in contiguous Territories, would perhaps cover the case.

AUSTRALIA.—No special correspondence has taken place between this office and the authorities of the Order in Australia during the past year. The Grand Sire, however, has interchanged communications with the Grand Master, and transmitted the annual P. W's.

One hundred copies of the revised Journal of the last session were transmitted to Grand Secretary HENRY VINE, care of Bro. T. RODGERS JOHNSON, Grand Secretary, San Francisco, being the quota due to that jurisdiction. I have received a copy of the Constitution of the Independent Order Odd-Fellows of Australia, with the rules and regulations of the Order adopted at the annual session of the "R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia," held in Melbourne, August 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d and 24th, also the proceedings of the nineteenth annual communication of the "Grand Lodge of Victoria." It will be perceived by these titles that the name of this Grand Body has been altered to conform to its charter received from the Grand Lodge of the United States, a copy of which appears in the preamble to the constitution. The change made in this respect is from "Ancient Independent Order of Odd-Fellows" and "Grand Lodge of Victoria," to that of "The Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of Australia." This proceeding involved, under the "Friendly Societies Statute of the Colony," a new registration of the Order, which was certified on the ninth day of January, 1873, by the proper authorities.

There is now in all respects a perfect confirmation of the name, style, and title of the Order in Australia to that in the United States, and in the German Empire, so that uniformity, which is so essential to successful universality, now prevails in the name as well as in the work of our Order throughout the world. In looking over the Journal of Proceedings of the last session of this Grand Lodge, I observe that the official information received by it, of the change authorized in the constitutional qualification for membership relating to age in Australia, has met with their very grateful acknowledgment, and that they have very promptly availed of it by admitting to membership persons at the age of eighteen years. Thirty-five Subordinate Lodges are reported, all of which appear to be at prosperous work, and most of which, in imitation of our example, meet at Odd-Fellows' halls or private houses. Since the granting at the last session of the liberal charter to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, it is but just to extend like concessions to the Grand Lodge of Australia. I therefore earnestly recommend such a modification of the restrictive terms in the charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia as will afford it the same privileges and prerogatives as are now enjoyed by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

I cannot conclude my remarks touching this jurisdiction without an earnest recommendation that a special commissioner be sent out to instruct the membership in the work, and to diffuse, more extensively, in the Colony, proper light in relation to the character and principles of the Order. It is believed that with suitable exertions in this direction much larger acquisitions will be attained.

PERU, SOUTH AMERICA.—Two Lodges are at work, it is believed, at this time, in Peru, viz., Lima Lodge, No. 1, at Lima, and Callao Lodge, No. 2, at Callao. The warrant for the latter was issued on April 9, 1873, but its institution has been deferred from time to time awaiting the arrival of regalia and necessary fixtures. My last advices lead to the belief that the Lodge is, ere this, probably organized. Bro. LEWIS SOHER, Past Chief Patriarch, of San Francisco, continues to lend his valuable aid to the brethren in this jurisdiction, and to the Grand Lodge of the United States,

in promoting, to the best of his ability, the welfare of the Order in this remote section. Some disappointment was experienced by the membership on account of the failure of the M. W. Grand Sire to visit Lima or Callao upon the occasion of his journey to Chile as United States Minister. Satisfied in my own mind that this failure arose entirely from causes beyond the control of the Grand Sire, and was wholly unavoidable, I have taken occasion to make the proper explanation in the premises. Knowing that it was the intention of the Grand Sire, when he left the United States, to put himself in personal communication with the Lodge at Lima, if possible, I felt perfectly authorized to make this explanation.* My correspondence with Bro. JAMES PASCOE, Deputy Grand Sire, and with N. HURWITZ, Past Grand, has been very agreeable and profitable, and is herewith submitted.

GERMANY.—The correspondence with this jurisdiction has been voluminous and very interesting, much of which I submit, in view of its important connection with the introduction of the Order into the Fatherland, and its transition from the position of a subordinate to this Grand Lodge to its present independent organization as the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. This preliminary narrative will be of great value. as historical material, and will be doubtless highly cherished as such by our descendants. The Grand Lodge of the German Empire being instituted at Frankfort, December 28, 1872, the transfer of all the Lodges and Encampments from this jurisdiction was accomplished, I am happy to say, with the utmost harmony and unity of spirit. Immediately upon the consummation of this event, official information of the fact was received at this office, with a list of the Grand Officers, and a copy of the constitution and legislative proceedings of the first session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. The District Deputy Grand Sires of the several jurisdictions, out of which the Grand Lodge was formed, viz., Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, of Prussia; M. BERNHEIM, of Wurttemberg; O. ARNOUX, of Saxony, at once made their final reports to this department, accompanied with the official returns of the subordinates under their respective charge. The correspondence in this connection is herewith submitted. Since the organization of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, that body has formed the Grand Lodge of the District of Brandenburg, has also authorized the institution of several subordinates, and has had a career of prosperity. Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, the Grand Sire, is well known personally to many of this Grand Body, and by reputation very generally, as one of the most active and zealous agencies through which the Order was introduced to Germanic Europe. His selection for the position of the first Grand Sire of the German Empire was most fortunate, and assures a most energetic and able administration of the office. My correspondence with him has been voluminous and profitable. It is with great pleasure that I refer to the very handsome and highly complimentary resolutions, unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, expressive of its sincere thanks for the liberal charter received from the Grand Lodge of the United States. This vote of thanks, beautifully engrossed, and officially attested, accompanied by a splendid photographic group of the charter members of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, has been transmitted to this office by Grand Sire WOLLHEIM, with a special request that I shall make a formal presentation of the same to the Grand Lodge of the United States at a suitable period during the session. I shall not fail to acquit myself of this pleasant duty at an early moment. The copy of the secret work ordered by the Grand Lodge of the United States to be presented to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire,

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*Since this was put to press, a letter from Grand Sire LOGAN has been received, containing the following on the subject:

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, July 5, 1873.

I reached this place on the 18th June, after a most unpleasant voyage from New York of over a month. Myself and family suffered very much from sea sickness. At Callao was quite unable to get ashore, and as our vessel only stopped three hours, I saw no one. Have made arrangements to go to Callao and open the new Lodge.

after its institution, as I have already remarked, failed to be put on its passage to Germany from a variety of untoward causes until very recently. I have now the satisfaction to report that, through the kind and valuable aid of Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, R. W. Grand Representative of New York, it was dispatched by special mail in July, and is now doubtless in the possession of Grand Sire WOOLHEIM. The correspondence with Bro. WOOLHEIM is highly interesting; it will appear, from its perusal, that there is a good prospect of adding Austria to the family of Odd-Fellowship, and inasmuch as that Empire is outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Germany, it will be for the Grand Lodge of the United States to determine, in case of application from that quarter, the subject of temporary jurisdiction. The suggestion of Grand Sire WOOLHEIM, that the assent of the Government of Austria should first be obtained before any movement is made in that direction, is wise, and has had the decided approval of Grand Sire LOGAN.

Twenty copies of the new German Charge Book was sent out immediately upon its issue from the press, and I am glad to say that the translation is regarded by our German brethren as a decided improvement.

There remains unpaid and due to Bro. WOOLHEIM, his account for expenses incurred in visiting Baltimore from New York upon the invitation of Grand Sire STUART, which was inadvertently overlooked at the last session. I respectfully recommend the Committee on Finance to consider and order this account to be paid. I also suggest that the price for supplies sold to foreign jurisdictions be fixed by law.

It is a source of the greatest pleasure to me to remark that the universal sentiment of all our brethren who have visited the Lodges in Germany is that they have received the kindest and most fraternal attentions. They have all been impressed with profound respect, love and veneration for the German link in the great chain of Odd-Fellowship.

REPUBLIC OF SWITZERLAND.—Our Order continues to enjoy the highest degree of prosperity in this Republic. Since the last session one new Lodge has been formed, making now three Lodges, located as follows: Helvetia, No. 1, at Zurich; Pestalozzi, No. 2, at Baden; Fellenberg, No. 3, at Berne. Bro. C. HEINRICH, D. D. Grand Sire, having resigned his place as Consul and returned to the United States, devolved the duties of his office as D. D. Grand Sire upon Bro. E. ALTENHOFFER, who has since corresponded with this office and transmitted the reports. Helvetia Lodge, at Zurich, has erected a spacious Odd-Fellows' hall, which was formally dedicated on the first day of October, 1872, to which the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States were cordially invited. The proceedings on that occasion were conducted with great success, the attendance embracing the membership of nearly all the Lodges in the jurisdiction, with many visiting brethren from the adjoining Kingdoms. The press of the country speaks of the display made as highly creditable and profitable.

The several Lodges in Switzerland are represented to be in a prosperous condition, and a general desire is manifested for the formation of a Grand Lodge, which has met with the encouragement of the brethren of Germanic Europe and of the Grand Sire.

I herewith present a formal application from Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, asking the aid of the Grand Lodge of the United States in effecting a loan of ten thousand dollars, to enable it to substitute the same for its present debentures to that amount in Europe; accompanied with which is a detailed statement of the character of the building upon which the loan is based, its value as a security, and other elaborate exhibits on the subject, all of which are highly interesting. At the request of Helvetia Lodge I transmitted, during the recess, a duplicate charter, handsomely engrossed upon a Diploma Blank, which has been duly received. Copies of the new German Charge Book have been sent out, and all other supplies which have been required. I regret very much the loss of the efficient services of D. D. Grand Sire HEINRICH, under whose administration the Order has had, thus

far, a successful career, but I have every reason to believe that we shall find his successor equally zealous and ambitious for the general welfare. In my last report I suggested that the Grand Lodge absolve all Lodges in foreign countries from the payment of dues. I renew the suggestion with the further request that the dues already paid by Lodges in Switzerland be returned.

REPORTS FROM IMMEDIATE SUBORDINATES.

Reports have been received to 31st December, 1872, from the following Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction:

Lodges.

Paradise Lodge, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico; members, 31; revenue for six months, $278.75.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands; members, 76; revenue for twelve months, $1,448 33.

Montana Lodge, No. 1, Helena, Montana; members, 61; revenue for six months, $960.25.

Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Deer Lodge, Montana; members, 36; revenue for twelve months, $658.

Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Bannack, Montana; members, 18; revenue for six months, $181.50.

Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Bozeman, Montana; members, 32; revenue for eight months, $847.65.

Dakota Lodge, No. 1, Yankton, Dakota; members, 52; revenue for twelve months, $476.84.

Echo Lodge, No. 2, Fort Randall, Dakota; members, 54; revenue for twelve months, $1,429.70.

Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, Vermillion, Dakota; members, 20; revenue for twelve months, $243.50.

Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, Montreal, Province of Quebec; members, 17; revenue for twelve months, $448.88.

St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, Montreal, Province of Quebec; members, 25; revenue for eight months, $255.93.

Lima Lodge, No. 1, Lima, Peru; members, 28; revenue for twelve months, $872.00.

Germania Lodge, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia; members, 80; revenue for twelve months, $434.75.

Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Berlin, Prussia; members, 82; revenue for twelve months, $999.08.

Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, Lychen, Prussia; members, 18; revenue for twelve months, $32.31.

Templar Lodge, No. 4, Berlin, Prussia; members, 55; revenue for twelve months, $393.87.

Concordia Lodge, No. 5, Berlin, Prussia; members, 50; revenue for twelve months, $466.50.

Humbolt Lodge, No. 6, Berlin, Prussia; members, 46; revenue for twelve months, $185.64.

Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, Stuttgart, Wurttemberg; members, 98; revenue for twelve months, $433.86.

Donau Lodge, No. 2, Ulm, Wurttemberg; members, 24; revenue for twelve months, $68.40.

Schiller Lodge, No. 3, Stuttgart, Wurttemberg; members, 30; revenue for twelve months, $226.83.

Bavaria Lodge, No. 4, Munich, Bavaria, Jurisdiction of Wurttemberg; members, 19; revenue for twelve months, $214.32.

Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, Dresden Saxonia members, 71; revenue for twelve months, $428.72.

Alemania Lodge, No. 2, Dresden, Saxonia; members, 24; revenue for twelve months, $108.20.

Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland; members, 51; revenue for six months, $460.90.

Pestalotzi Lodge, No. 2, Baden, Switzerland; members, 13; revenue for two months, $75.00.

Encampments.

Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Helena, Arkansas; members, 27; revenue for twelve months, $258.00.

Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Little Rock, Arkansas; members, 67; revenue for twelve months, $590.55.

Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Fort Smith, Arkansas; members, 18; revenue for twelve months, $72.00.

Hooper Encampment, No. 6, Augusta, Arkansas; members, 21; revenue for twelve months, $164.00.

Jefferson Encampment, No. 7, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; members, 27; revenue for twelve months, $200.00.

Golden Rule Encampment, No. 8, Searcy, Arkansas; members, 24; revenue for twelve months, $187.75.

Royal Encampment, No. 9, Batesville, Arkansas; members, 18; revenue for seven months, $479.54.

Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Tallahassee, Florida; members, 35; revenue for twelve months, $47.70.

Colorado Encampment, No. 1, Central City, Colorado; members, 17; revenue for six months, $76.00.

Denver Encampment, No. 2, Denver, Colorado: members, 76; revenue for six months, $447.80.

Bald Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Nevada, Colorado; members, 17; revenue for six months, $32.00.

Park Encampment, No. 4, Fair Play, Colorado; members, 15; revenue for twelve months, $81.35.

Wyoming Encampment, No. 1, Laramie City, Wyoming Territory; members, 15; revenue for twelve months, $135.00.

Hope Encampment, No. 2, Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory; members, 16; revenue for six months, $62.77.

Rocky Mountain Encampment, No. 1, Helena, Territory of Montana; members, 15; revenue for twelve months, $429.00.

Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia; members, 27; revenue for twelve months, $211.47.

WARRANTS ISSUED DURING THE RECESS.

Warrants have been issued for a Grand Encampment, and the following Subordinate Encampments and Subordinate Lodges during the recess:

Alemania Lodge, No. 2, September 2, 1872, located at Dresden, Saxony.

Pestalozzi Lodge, No. 2, October 29, 1872, located at Baden, Switzerland.

Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, December 30, 1872, located at Elk Point, Dakota Territory.

Fellenberg Lodge, No. 3, February 25, 1873, located at Berne, Switzerland.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, April 9, 1873, located at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Callao Lodge, No. 2, April, 9, 1872, located at Callao, in the Republic of Peru, S. A.

..... Lodge, No. 1, May 21, 1873, located at Winnepeg, Province of Manitoba, Dominion of Canada.

Star Encampment, No. 5, November 14, 1872, located at Georgetown, Colorado Territory.

Grand Encampment of Colorado, February 22, 1873, located at Denver Colorado Territory.

Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, April 21, 1873, located at Pensacola, Florida.,

Lessing Encampment, No. 1, December 26, 1872, located at Dresden, Saxony.
Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, July 1, 1873, located at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory.
Illinois Encampment, No. 3, June 4, 1873, charter restored, located at Chicago, Illinois.
Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, April 16, 1873, located at Saint Paul, Minnesota, duplicate charter in place of original destroyed by fire, January 29, 1873.
Saint Paul Lodge, No. 2, May 23, 1873, located at Saint Paul, Minnesota, duplicate charter in place of original destroyed by fire, January 29, 1873.

RETURN BY OFFICERS.

The official returns, made by D. D. Grand Sires and other special commissioners by whom the several subordinates were instituted, are respectfully presented herewith.

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

Pennsylvania and Ohio only have responded to the request of the Grand Lodge, "That the State Grand Jurisdictions make such returns of Rebekah Degree Lodges as will enable this Grand Lodge, at its next session, to fully estimate the claims of the Rebekah Degree Branch for a radical change in their membership relations to Odd-Fellowship." These are herewith submitted.

INDEX TO VOLUME SEVEN.

It will be proper to provide, at this session, for binding the seventh volume of the revised Journal. The sixth volume closes with the proceedings of 1870, so that the Journal of 1871, 1872, and of the present session, with an index to the sixth and seventh volume superadded, will form the material out of which the seventh volume will be composed. This will make a very large and unwieldy book, and it is suggested that two volumes be formed out of this matter. I recommend that Bro. JOHN H. WHITE be authorized to prepare the index after the style of the index to the fifth volume, and that a liberal appropriation be made for the service.

RETURN OF DESTRUCTION OF CHARGE BOOKS.

This order has not been as fully carried out as it should be. I herewith present such certificates as have been returned, with the suggestion that some further effective proceeding be had in the premises.

PRINTING SUPPLIES.

The experience of the past year of the new system has been highly satisfactory. There has been a very great reduction in the expense incurred for these supplies, as well as a decided improvement in the quality of work and material, which will doubtless be specially shown in the report of the Committee on Printing Supplies. The large increase also in the revenue renders our gain the larger and more gratifying.

FINANCES.

The following statement represents the amount for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body, during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. A supplementary report will be made of the further receipts during the session. Accompanying also is appended the usual report of the stock on hand, and supplies sold during the year, with the annual statistical returns from the several Grand Bodies in detailed tabular form.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 17, 1872, *and ending August* 31, 1873.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Dismissal Certificates.	Books.	Odes.
Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	$233 70	.....
California	.....	.....	.....	901 70	.....
Colorado	.....	$ 40 50	.....	94 60	$9 90
Connecticut	.....	166 73	.....	257 17	9 00
Delaware	.....	50 63	$3 38	203 62	.....
District of Columbia	.....	23 90	.....	32 20	.....
Florida	$ 16 20	.....	6 75	40 50	.....
Georgia	53 50	57 48	.....	125 17	6 53
Illinois	.....	472 50	.....	2,351 35	70 88
Indiana	494 05	580 50	.....	1,423 95	45 00
Iowa	.....	310 50	6 75	1,177 38	67 50
Kansas	.....	148 50	.....	484 33	.....
Kentucky	184 40	364 50	.....	736 90	36 00
Louisiana	.....	51 30	.....	114 00	2 38
Lower Prov. B. N. A.	.....	23 63	.....	76 20	4 50
Maine	.....	121 50	.....	156 95	.....
Maryland	.....	157 50	13 50	560 25	94 50
Massachusetts	.....	364 50	.....	554 00	.....
Michigan	.....	202 90	.....	581 30	22 50
Minnesota	.....	101 25	.....	169 50	38 25
Mississippi	.....	40 50	3 38	270 00	.....
Missouri	.....	378 00	13 50	1,138 03	36 00
Nebraska	.....	40 50	.....	198 70	.....
New Hampshire	.....	281 60	3 38	225 00	.....
New Jersey	.....	209 25	6 75	851 63	22 50
New York	253 48	634 50	9 45	1,697 41	175 50
Nevada	.....	38 34	6 75	142 81	11 25
North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio	2 80	945 00	20 25	2,074 43	208 00
Ontario	.....	121 50	.....	336 00	22 50
Oregon	7 74	100 98	13 50	289 35	18 09
Pennsylvania	360 00	958 50	67 50	2,699 05	207 00
South Carolina	13 80	.....	1 62	81 75	1 13
Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas	40 00	162 00	.....	537 50	31 50
Virginia	.....	27 00	.....	88 80	4 50
West Virginia	.....	87 75	.....	205 20	13 50
Wisconsin	.....	135 10	27 00	945 91	41 49
	$1,425 97	$7,398 84	$203 46	$22,056 34	$1,199 90

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 17, 1872, *and ending August* 31, 1873—continued.

GRAND LODGES.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Arkansas	.....	.....	$150 00	$383 70
California	.....	90	150 00	1,052 60
Colorado	.....	8 00	75 00	228 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	150 00	582 90
Delaware	.....	.....	150 00	407 63
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	56 10
Florida	.....	4 00	75 00	142 45
Georgia	$ 6 30	.....	150 00	398 98
Illinois	112 50	2 28	150 00	3,159 51
Indiana	.....	1 50	150 00	2,695 00
Iowa	.....	50	150 00	1,712 63
Kansas	.....	.....	150 00	782 83
Kentucky	.....	.....	150 00	1,471 80
Louisiana	10 80	.....	150 00	328 48
Lower Provinces B. N. A	10 80	.....	75 00	190 13
Maine	.....	.....	150 00	428 45
Maryland	8 10	10 00	150 00	993 85
Massachusetts	125 00	75	150 00	1,194 25
Michigan	.....	90	150 00	957 60
Minnesota	.....	.....	150 00	459 00
Mississippi	.....	36 33	150 00	500 21
Missouri	22 50	50	150 00	1,738 53
Nebraska	.....	50	150 00	389 70
New Hampshire	22 50	3 02	150 00	685 50
New Jersey	.....	75	150 00	1,240 88
New York	164 25	1 50	150 00	3,086 09
Nevada	.....	.....	150 00	349 15
North Carolina	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Ohio	11 25	13 12	150 00	3,424 85
Ontario	.....	1 40	150 00	631 40
Oregon	.....	1 84	150 00	581 50
Pennsylvania	.....	2 00	150 00	4,444 05
South Carolina	.....	12	75 00	173 42
Tennessee	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Texas	.....	.....	150 00	921 00
Virginia	.....	.....	150 00	270 30
West Virginia	.....	.....	150 00	456 45
Wisconsin	.....	50	150 00	1,300 00
	$494 00	$90 41	$5,175 00	$38,043 92

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 17, 1872, *and ending August* 30, 1873.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Charters.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.
Colorado	$30 00	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	$21 60
Delaware	.....	.....	$8 00	11 25
District of Columbia	.....	.....	10 00	.....
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	2 40
Illinois	.....	.....	54 00	88 20
Indiana	.....	$45 30	38 25	75 15
Iowa	.....	.....	67 50	102 60
Kansas	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky	.....	44 60	67 50	7 40
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine	.....	.....	54 00	.....
Maryland	.....	.....	13 50	9 45
Massachusetts	.....	.....	81 00	32 40
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	25 20
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	32 40
Missouri	.....	48 00	27 00	54 00
Nebraska	.....	.....	20 25	10 80
New Hampshire	.....	210 00	.....	.....
New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York	.....	.....	3 10	124 20
North Carolina	.....	.....	3 38	1 80
Ohio	.....	.....	192 00	243 00
Ontario	.....	23 10	27 00	36 00
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	108 00	81 90
Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....
Texas	.....	*397 00	.....	72 00
Vermont	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Virginia	.....	.....	6 75	19 85
West Virginia	.....	.....	21 93	10 60
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$30 00	$768 00	$808 16	$1,062 20

* This amount by note.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 17, 1872, *and ending August* 30, 1873—continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Colorado	.....	$4 00	.....	$34 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	$150 00	171 60
Delaware	.....	.....	75 00	94 25
District of Columbia	.....	.....	75 00	85 00
Georgia	.....	.....	75 00	77 40
Illinois	.....	.....	150 00	292 20
Indiana	.....	.....	150 00	308 70
Iowa	$2 25	.....	150 00	322 35
Kansas	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	150 00	269 50
Louisiana	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Maine	.....	.....	150 00	204 00
Maryland	.....	.....	150 00	172 95
Massachusetts	.....	10 80	150 00	274 20
Michigan	.....	.....	150 00	175 20
Minnesota	.....	.....	75 00	107 40
Missouri	.....	50	150 00	279 50
Nebraska	.....	.....	75 00	106 05
New Hampshire	.....	.....	150 00	360 00
New Jersey	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
New York	.....	.....	150 00	277 30
North Carolina	.....	66	75 00	80 84
Ohio	.....	50	150 00	585 50
Ontario	.....	.....	75 00	161 10
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	150 00	339 90
Tennessee	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Texas	.....	.....	75 00	544 00
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Virginia	.....	.....	75 00	101 60
West Virginia	.....	.....	75 00	107 53
Wisconsin	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
	$2 25	$16 46	$3,375 00	$6,062 07

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 17, 1872, *and ending August* 31, 1873.

SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.	Charters.	Dues.	Odes.	Books.
Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas..	.....	$25 80	.....	.....
Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Ark....	.....	59 05	.....	.....
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Ark..	.....	7 20	.....	.....
Hooper Encampment, No. 6, Ark.....	.....	16 40	.....	.....
Jefferson Encampment, No. 7, Ark....	.....	20 00	.....	.....
Golden Rule Encampment, No. 8, Ark.	.....	18 75	.....	.....
Royal Encampment, No. 9, Ark.....	.....	47 95	.....	.....
Wyoming Encampment, No. 1, W. Ter.	.....	13 50	.....	.....
Hope Encampment, No. 2, Wyoming T.	.....	6 30	.....	.....
Denver Encampment, No. 2, Colorado.	.....	44 75	.....	$11 80
Bald Mountain Encamp't, No. 3, Col..	.....	3 20	.....	.....
Park Encampment, No. 4, Colorado...	.....	9 85	.....	.....
Star Encampment, No. 5, Colorado....	$30 00	.....	.....	.....
Aucilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida..	.....	1 10	.....	.....
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Florida.	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, Utah Ter.	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Polynesia Encamp't, No. 1, Sandwich I.	.....	34 00	.....	.....
Rocky Mount'n Enc't, No. 1, Mon. Ter.	.....	40 58	.....	.....
Illinois Encampment, No. 3, Illinois...	.....	.....	.....	10 75
Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana Ter..	.....	96 02	.....	.....
Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Montana T.	.....	34 11	.....	.....
Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Montana Ter..	.....	18 15	.....	.....
Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Montana T.	.....	40 96	.....	.....
Dakota Lodge, No. 1, Dakota Territory	.....	17 73	.....	2 00
Echo Lodge, No. 2, Dakota Territory..	.....	48 25	.....	.....
Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, Dakota Ter..	.....	24 35	.....	2 00
Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, Dakota Ter..	30 00	.....	$2 30	2 50
Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Switzerland....	.....	53 00	.....	.....
Lima Lodge, No. 1, Peru.....	.....	197 15	.....	3 60
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico...	.....	27 90	.....	.....
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Isl'ds	.....	96 89	.....	.....
Callao Lodge, No. 2, Peru.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, P. of Quebec	.....	42 06	.....	.....
St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, P. of Quebec	.....	25 29	.....	.....
Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, P. of Quebec....	30 00	.....	.....	9 42
Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Manitoba, P.Q.	30 00	.....	.....	.....
	$210 00	$1070 29	$2 30	$42 07

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 17, 1872, *and ending August* 31, 1873—continued.

SUBORDINATE LODGES AND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas..	.....	.....	.....	25 80
Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Ark....	.....	.....	.....	59 05
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Ark..	.....	.....	.....	7 20
Hooper Encampment, No. 6, Ark.....	.....	.....	.....	16 40
Jefferson Encampment, No. 7, Ark....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Golden Rule Encampment, No. 8, Ark.	.....	.....	.....	18 75
Royal Encampment, No. 9, Ark.....	.....	.....	.....	47 95
Wyoming Encampment, No. 1, W. Ter.	.....	.....	.....	13 50
Hope Encampment, No. 2, Wyoming T.	.....	.....	.....	6 30
Denver Encampment, No. 2, Colorado.	$3 85	.....	.....	60 40
Bald Mountain Encamp't, No. 3, Col..	.....	.....	.....	3 20
Park Encampment, No. 4, Colorado...	.....	.....	.....	9 85
Star Encampment, No. 5, Colorado ...	.....	.....	$12 00	42 00
Aucilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida...	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Florida.	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, Utah Ter.	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Polynesia Encamp't, No. 1, Sandwich I.	.....	.....	5 15	39 15
Rocky Mount'n Enc't, No. 1, Mon. Ter.	.....	.....	.....	40 58
Illinois Encampment, No. 3, Illinois...	.....	.....	.....	10 75
Montana Lodge, No. 1, Montana Ter..	.....	.....	.....	96 02
Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, Montana T.	.....	.....	.....	34 11
Bannack Lodge, No. 3, Montana Ter..	.....	.....	.....	18 15
Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Montana T.	.....	.....	.....	40 96
Dakota Lodge, No. 1, Dakota Territory	.....	.....	.....	19 73
Echo Lodge, No. 2, Dakota Territory..	3 24	.....	24	51 73
Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, Dakota Ter..	.....	.....	.....	26 35
Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, Dakota Ter...	.....	.....	.....	34 80
Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Switzerland....	.....	.....	.....	53 00
Lima Lodge, No. 1, Peru.....	3 24	.....	.....	103 99
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico...	.....	.....	.....	27 90
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Sandwich Isl'ds	.....	.....	.....	96 89
Callao Lodge, No. 2, Peru.....	.....	.....	23 37	53 37
Mount Royal Lodge, No. 1, P. of Quebec	.....	.....	17 46	59 52
St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, P. of Quebec	.....	.....	6 07	31 36
Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, P. of Quebec....	2 70	16 20	.....	58 32
Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Manitoba, P.Q.	.....	.....	.....	30 00
	$13 03	$16 20	$64 29	$1,418 18

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year commencing September* 16, 1872, *and ending August* 30, 1873.

INDIVIDUALS.	Diplomas.	Rebekah Certificates.	Books.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Sisco Brothers, of Maryland...	.....	.....	$2 50	.....	$2 50
Wm. Chidsey, of Tennessee...	.....	.....	3 50	.....	3 50
Hugh Latham, of Virginia	.....	.....	75	.....	75
Howard Lodge, No. 17, of N. J.	.....	.....	25	.....	25
Wiley Stinson, of Arkansas....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 50
Augustus Pfaff, of Pa.....	$35 00	.....	.....	.....	35 00
Samuel Willard, of Illinois....	.....	.....	25	.....	25
H. B. Williams, of Michigan...	.....	.....	25	.....	25
Ousatanic Lodge, No. 6, Conn.	.....	.....	3 50	.....	3 50
Iron Mountain Lodge, No. 122, of Michigan.....	.....	.....	2 70	.....	2 70
Toronto Lodge, No. 71, Ontario	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
H. Hinch, of Louisiana	.....	.....	25	.....	25
O. Arnoux, of Dresden, Saxony	.....	.....	.....	$30 40	30 40
M. C. Lilley, of Ohio.....	177 50	$9 25	.....	.....	186 75
Rev. I. D. Williamson, of Ohio	.....	.....	6 00	.....	6 00
G. H. Stickney, of Mass.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Thos. G. Steele, of W. Virginia.	6 00	3 00	.....	.....	9 00
John T. Hilton, of N. Jersey..	.....	.....	25	.....	25
Stephen Torry, of Conn.....	.....	.....	25	.....	25
Minnesota Lodge, No. 1, Minn.	....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
W. H. Montgomery, of W. Va.	.....	.....	2 50	.....	2 50
Mrs. Wm. Curtis, of Pa.....	37 50	.....	.....	.....	37 50
Charles Peck, of Connecticut..	.....	.....	25	.....	25
David W. Morris, of Pa.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
John T. Hancock, of Maryland	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
R. A. Blandford, of Texas.....	.....	.....	7 50	.....	7 50
R. F. Bower, of Iowa.....	.....	.....	21 00	.....	21 00
	$270 00	$12 25	$57 20	$35 40	$374 85

REVENUE.

From the ordinary sources, viz., Supplies and Representative Tax up to and inclusive of September 1, 1873	$45,892 02
Amount to be received, at or before the session	5,000 00
Making a total of	$50,892 02
Receipts from the same sources, per Grand Treasurer's Report, (Journal 5454)	$41,832 30
Excess of 1873 over 1872	$ 9,059 72

This excess is mainly attributable to the sale of the new Charge Book, nearly eleven thousand copies of which have been supplied. The very prosperous state of the treasury will invite naturally a reduction in the price of supplies, or of some other source of revenue. It must be borne in mind, however, that the necessary and unavoidable expenses of the Grand Lodge increase as its extent of work becomes enlarged by the continuously extending area of its jurisdiction. Applications are now on hand for the formation of Grand Bodies in several of the Territories and in British Columbia.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Since this report was in press the mail has brought several important communications from Europe, which it is proper should be presented to the notice of the Grand Lodge. I take occasion to refer to them, although out of the appropriate place. First in importance is a letter from Grand Sire WOLLHEIM, of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which acknowledges the safe arrival of the secret work and diagrams transmitted to our German brethren by authority of resolution of the last session, and which service was kindly superintended by Grand Representative MEDOLE, of New York. The second is a communication from Grand Secretary OTTO SCHAETTLE, of Grand Lodge of the German Empire, of like tenor, with a general statement of the condition of the Order in Germany, to be followed by statistical details. Grand Sire WOLLHEIM also refers to the subject of introducing Odd-Fellowship into Austria. In this connection he remarks as follows: "It is intended to bring the Vienna petition, in due form, before our Grand Lodge at this session, commencing 20th inst., to be referred by it to the Grand Lodge of the United States." It will be recollected that the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire is limited to the German Empire and such other Germanic European countries "*as may be hereafter attached to said jurisdiction by consent of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*" Hence it will be for this Grand Lodge to determine the jurisdictional status of Austria; in other words, to decide whether Odd-Fellowship, when established in Austria, shall be so established by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, or by itself, and to what jurisdiction it shall be subject during its subordinate career.

I have also received an elaborate communication from Bro. O. ARNOUX, Past District Deputy Grand Sire for Saxony, in behalf of the Order in Dresden, asking a loan from the Grand Lodge of the United States to aid the brethren of that city in erecting an Odd-Fellows' Hall, which is a most interesting and ably written paper.

These several communications are herewith submitted.

M. W. GRAND SIRE.

I am gratified to report that the temporary absence of the M. W. Grand Sire has not, in the slightest degree, interrupted the prosperous career of the Order. Up to the time of his departure upon his important public mission, May, 1873, his personal supervision and direct attentions were

prompt and efficient with this department, and in his immediate official sphere. My correspondence and intercourse with him has been regular since his absence from the jurisdiction. All his executive directions have been received at this office, and have been promptly carried into effect. It has given me great pleasure to transmit to him all the information which has reached this office, and to keep him thoroughly posted as to the general welfare. Recent advice from him, dated Santiago de Chile, July 5, 1873, communicates the gratifying intelligence "that he is about to open a Lodge at Valparaiso, where he had found five members of the Order; that the field is a good one, Valparaiso being a rapidly growing city, with a large and constantly increasing foreign population." He also speaks in glowing language of the young Republic, which is making long strides in the march of civilization. His annual report had been forwarded by steamer of 26th July, in special care of Wells, Fargo & Co., which at this writing, September 8th, had not been received. If received at any time this week it will be at once put to press.

GENERAL RETURNS OF 1871 AND 1872 COMPARED.

(January 1, 1871, to December 31, 1872.)

Lodges	1871	4,292 00	Increase.
"	1872	5,045 00	753 00
Initiations	1871	49,257 00	
"	1872	59,250 00	9,993 00
Revenue, G. Lodge and G. Encampment	1871	3,310,009 53	
" " " " "	1872	4,291,071 12	981,061 59
Relief, " " " "	1871	1,092,095 42	
" " " " "	1872	1,503,471 40	411,375 98
Members	1871	327,877 00	
"	1872	385,097 00	57,220 00

THE OUTLOOK.

These figures show gains which justly excite our pride. But whilst we exult with becoming gratitude at the rich reward which has crowned our labor, let us not fail to appreciate the moral which "gilds the prosperous hour." It is "the end which crowns the work." We must toil on, as our fathers toiled before us, if we would assure to our efforts endurance, vigor, length of years, immortality. We are building up an improved civilization, in fact, a great moral empire. In co-operation with the noble spirit of benevolence which marks the age, we are adding our rich contributions to the general welfare. As the world moves, and its needs expand, there must be a corresponding supply. This supply is met by the progress of society, by the progress of individuals, by the elevation and amelioration of men and women, in the continuous development of mind, and in the application of its reward to the ever shifting drama of life. Odd-Fellowship has been, during fifty years, in this great field. What are its fruits? If we cast our eyes upon the broad and beautiful expanse of our happy country we are greeted on every hand by a response to this inquiry, which comes ringing from afar off with electric power. Wherever our people have penetrated, in whatever distant or perilous quarter, even to the remotest frontier, do our temples lift their spires and our workmen toil. As the wilderness passes from chaos to order, and system follows in the footstep of civilization, does Odd-Fellowship supply its aid to the great transition. Nor do these offerings limit their sphere to home, to country, or nationality. Wide as the world is our scope, and free as the air is our welcome to the children of men. Scattered far away, distant thousands of miles from the birth-place of Odd-Fellowship do its conquests extend, and does its broad catholic spirit seek larger fields and more distant climes.

A work of such magnitude is not the reward of a day or generation, but is for all time, for all peoples, and for humanity. Time is the great regulator, the balance-wheel which adjusts the moral as well as the material world; it is the stern winnower which separates the chaff from the wheat. By its authority virtue survives and vice falls. To it, analysis and philosophical processes, systems, doctrines, dogmas and theories of every kind must stand. As it rolls on, its tests are in motion, evolving and resolving, until in its own fulness truth is delivered from error. To this ordeal do we confidently submit. Thus is civilization advanced. In this struggle have we gallantly toiled as a band of brothers, impelled only by the instinctive law of love. We have covered every habitable part of our own happy land with laborers in this great cause; have carried our system to Germanic Europe, to Switzerland, to the Islands of the Pacific ocean, to the continents of South America and Australia, and it is simply a question of time when Odd-Fellowship shall dwell all over the world. Considering the relation of human events with each other in all the past, this sentiment is natural as well as logical. From this standpoint our system of human beneficence is but in its childhood, and however great the distance which our fathers may have advanced it, the prize which is before us, if we labor on, is immeasurably beyond.

CONCLUSION.

In closing this report, whilst I humbly recognize my dependence upon a kind Providence, through whose mercy I am here to-day in your midst at my accustomed place, let me also render thanks to the many brethren from all portions of our jurisdiction who honored me with their sympathy and solicitude during my recent dangerous illness. In the hour of fearful trial, such messages of love fall like the gentle dews of heaven upon drooping nature, and medicine the soul with buoyant hope. Words cannot describe the exquisite pleasure which they inspire, nor adequately express the depth of obligation which they awaken. I render, my brethren, to you, one and all, the offering of a grateful heart in return, with my earnest prayer for your individual health and happiness, and for the prosperity of our beloved Order.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Corresponding Secretary.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Stock on hand August 31, 1872, *amount received since, amount disposed of during the year, and amount on hand August* 31, 1873.

	Cards.	Dismis'l Certificates.	Degree of Rebekah Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books. (Public.)	Institution Books.	Grand Encampment Books.	Encampment Books.	Diplomas.
On hand August 31st, 1872.....	1,474	3936	583	7	1,210	676	241	365	27	1086	931
Received during the year.....	70,600	....	368	150	13,583	1000	....	200	150	....	1783
Total.....	72,074	3936	951	157	14,793	1676	241	565	177	1086	2714
Disposed of during the year....	71,230	2501	829	2	12,287	1215	35	146	6	709	2115
On hand August 31st, 1873.....	844	1435	122	155	2,506	461	206	419	171	377	599

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Stock on hand August 31, 1872, *amount received since, amount disposed of during the year, and amount on hand August* 31—continued.

	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies, (German.)	Deg. Lodge Installation Books.	Rebekah Certificates.	Rebekah Deg. Lodge Installat'n Books.	Revised Journals—Volumes.	Form Books.	Digests.	Digest Amendments.	Forms for open'g and closing Degree of Rebekah Lodges.
On hand August 31st, 1872.....	28,462	370	137	1104	685	651	478	1923	3282	5979
Received during the year.....	37,000	...	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
To'al.....	65,462	370	137	1104	685	651	478	1923	3282	5979
Disposed of during the year.....	31,825	1	39	99	150	386	112	939	171	69
On hand August 31st, 1873.....	33,637	369	98	1005	535	265	356	984	3111	5910

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES DISPOSED OF *from September* 1, 1872, *to August* 31, 1873, *showing the cost of each article, selling price and profit.*

Number of each article disposed of.			Sold for.	Cost.	Profit.
Cards sold		71,230	$9,699 75	$1,204 08	$8,495 67
Charge Books sold	11,993				
Furnished new Lodges	7	12,287	21,563 20	3,292 76	18,270 44
Excha'd for Pict'l B'ks	287				
Degree Books sold	1208				
Furnished new Lodges	8	1218	2,174 40	295 05	1,879 35
Furn'd Com. of G. L..	2				
Deg. Rebekah B'ks sold.	821				
Furnished new Lodges	6	829	1,477 80	193 70	1,284 10
Furn'd Com. of G. L..	2				
Encampment Books sold	689				
Furnished new Enc'ts.	18	709	1,240 20	169 06	1,071 14
Furn'd Com. of G. L..	2				
Odes sold		31,825	1,575 34	318 25	1,257 09
Public Installation Books sold..		35	63 00	9 45	53 55
Dismissal Certificates sold		2501	134 95	75 03	59 92
Deg. Lodge Institution B'ks sold		39	17 55	13 94	3 61
Reb'h Lodge Institut'n B'ks sold		150	101 25	55 50	45 75
Forms for Opening and Closing Rebekah Degree Lodges sold.		69	6 21	34	5 87
Digests sold	723				
Furn'd Offi's and Reps.	74	939	1,624 50	1,624 50	.....
Furn'd desks of ditto.	142				
Revised Jour. vols. sold.	17				
Furn'd Offi's and Reps.	269	286	53 55	53 55	.....
Form Books sold	56				
Furn'd Offi's and Reps.	56	112	50 40	44 80	5 60
Grand Enc't B'ks sold..	3				
Fur'd G. Enc't of Col'o.	2	7	5 40	2 40	3 00
Furn'd Com. of G. L..	2				
Grand Lodge Books furnished Committee of Grand Lodge...		2	.....	.....	.....
Institution Books sold..	140				
Furn'd D. D. G. Sires.	2	146	252 00	35 00	217 00
Furn'd Com. of G. L..	4				
Diplomas sold	2115				
To G. L. U. S. for Char's.	50	2165	962 10	177 09	785 01
Digest Amendments sold		171	34 65	15 39	19 26
Funeral Ceremonies sold		1	87	4	83
Rebekah Certificates sold		99	22 28	7 92	14 36
			$41,059 40	$7,587 85	$23,471 55

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LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. initiated.	No. admitted by card.	No. reinstated.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. suspended or dropped.	No. expelled.	No. deceased.
G. L. Alabama	29	195	37	60	60	355	3	13
G. L. Arkansas	40	339	64	15	102	142	10	21
G. L. California	206	2209	597	172	623	622	44	59
G. L. Colorado	20	188	81	15	90	93	4	8
G. L. Connecticut	34	657	99	11	55	137	11	35
G. L. Delaware	32	231	27	23	24	114	12	21
G. L. District Columbia	13	100	23	27	26	145	6	53
G. L. Florida	5	73	7	17	6	13	....	2
G. L. Georgia	35	480	52	39	91	151	13	25
G. L. Illinois	431	4180	1131	608	1201	1914	104	190
G. L. Indiana	383	2941	761	352	869	1304	87	216
G. L. Iowa	221	1840	544	191	515	634	57	66
G. L. Kansas	99	731	406	45	228	238	33	28
G. L. Kentucky	174	1127	265	99	304	467	29	95
G. L. Louisiana	32	185	35	20	50	166	4	46
G. L. L. Prov., B. N. A.	8	156	10	2	27	36	1	3
G. L. Maine	27	829	14	8	34	61	....	20
G. L. Maryland	100	901	87	124	91	1133	13	217
G. L. Massachusetts	100	2388	186	58	191	304	17	152
G. L. Michigan	174	2288	486	176	514	754	36	79
G. L. Minnesota	31	354	102	17	88	115	9	15
G. L. Mississippi	45	363	137	62	109	222	3	25
G. L. Missouri	250	1403	444	383	602	956	58	149
G. L. Nebraska	34	248	129	23	92	111	9	8
G. L. New Hampshire	36	586	48	39	50	115	....	46
G. L. New Jersey	143	1936	214	79	169	766	29	125
G. L. New York	339	8183	1560	369	1351	1977	74	396
G. L. Nevada	24	350	123	28	100	59	5	16
G. L. North Carolina	16	115	11	31	31	78	5	7
G. L. Ohio	500	4683	1278	406	1416	1832	132	351
G. L. Ontario	71	2002	225	39	332	185	12	43
G. L. Oregon	53	358	162	15	132	88	14	12
G. L. Pennsylvania	754	9971	2310	672	1642	4756	140	1010
G. L. Rhode Island	30	1354	93	32	90	62	6	22
G. L. South Carolina	12	110	15	15	35	26	1	14
G. L. Tennessee	120	730	127	126	230	469	33	44
G. L. Texas	104	925	390	114	303	360	47	65
G. L. Vermont	16	195	28	27	26	52	2	4
G. L. Virginia	40	378	34	23	56	122	14	25
G. L. West Virginia	64	624	128	63	126	234	18	39
G. L. Wisconsin	186	2136	445	257	627	723	24	71
New Mexico	1	2	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	....
Dakota Territory	3	77	21	....	2	1	4	1
Montana Territory	4	26	29	....	13	4	....	1
Province of Quebec	2	39	14	1	19	2	1	....
Peru	1	21	8	....	1	.....	....	....
Sandwich Islands	1	5	.....	1	.....	2	....	....
Switzerland	2	38	5	....	7	.....	....	1
	5045	59,250	12,992	4884	12,750	22,100	1124	3839

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LODGES.	No. members in good standing.	No. brothers relieved.	No. wid'd fam. relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
G. L. Alabama	1,025	85	35	$1,720 00	$ 741 90
G. L. Arkansas	1,389	60	10	856 33	381 67
G. L. California	16,277	6363	368	123,675 11	23,548 13
G. L. Colorado	905	46	2	1,651 75	200 00
G. L. Connecticut	3,980	311	15	9,001 38	317 69
G. L. Delaware	2,676	324	58	6,402 36	705 01
G. L. District Columbia	2,227	356	73	6,600 39	4,137 42
G. L. Florida	205	7	3	128 40	9 00
G. L. Georgia	2,033	113	18	2,490 00	1,247 00
G. L. Illinois	21,797	1912	222	30,351 27	4,682 08
G. L. Indiana	21,797	2708	277	41,193 71	5,441 76
G. L. Iowa	11,161	577	42	6,183 76	944 20
G. L. Kansas	4,094	336	16	4,646 80	329 70
G. L. Kentucky	9,096	811	388	16,301 61	7,068 73
G. L. Louisiana	1,659	210	56	5,058 10	2,095 70
G. L. L. Prov., B. N. A.	563	24	....	348 75	.....
G. L. Maine	3,503	210	24	7,274 94	510 63
G. L. Maryland	13,383	1994	174	50,815 25	25,158 54
G. L. Massachusetts	15,650	1129	452	27,410 36	4,904 06
G. L. Michigan	10,124	222	71	4,772 51	1,750 29
G. L. Minnesota	1,697	119	9	1,614 65	232 00
G. L. Mississippi	1,835	145	32	2,109 27	613 90
G. L. Missouri	11,188	1010	298	15,694 15	6,328 60
G. L. Nebraska	1,292	63	7	837 99	154 00
G. L. New Hampshire	4,692	409	18	9,602 34	302 18
G. L. New Jersey	14,484	1475	118	41,585 28	3,102 25
G. L. New York	33,140	3576	794	90,054 49	18,035 55
G. L. Nevada	1,664	199	7	12,252 01	560 00
G. L. North Carolina	666	42	3	363 75	34 65
G. L. Ohio	40,315	3072	501	73,258 75	16,299 15
G. L. Ontario	5,649	353	79	5,983 64	1,359 50
G. L. Oregon	2,244	120	5	3,365 25	312 50
G. L. Pennsylvania	91,213	12,870	1746	287,868 78	23,794 20
G. L. Rhode Island	3,762	173	5	4,605 75	341 59
G. L. South Carolina	827	60	72	1,039 00	698 00
G. L. Tennessee	4,516	350	72	6,800 28	2,380 85
G. L. Texas	3,937	277	33	3,998 59	393 66
G. L. Vermont	907	23	2	400 25	84 25
G. L. Virginia	3,060	352	51	5,358 58	1,476 49
G. L. West Virginia	4,177	458	45	7,049 54	546 52
G. L. Wisconsin	9,758	305	83	5,016 94	1,730 31
New Mexico	31	1	....	35 00	.....
Dakota Territory	126	3	....	59 00	.....
Montana Territory,	160	7	....	304 00	.....
Province of Quebec	42	1	....	30 00	.....
Peru	28	.....	....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands	76	11	3	720 00	248 25
Switzerland	64	.....	....	38 00	6 00
	385,097	42,282	6232	$927,428 06	$163,207 91

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LODGES.	Amount paid for education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
G. L. Alabama	$ 300 29	$ 656 00	$3,418 19	$10,916 80
G. L. Arkansas	12 00	545 00	1,795 00	1,641 47
G. L. California	2,276 20	19,314 68	168,814 12	511,714 35
G. L. Colorado	.....	102 63	1,954 38	15,185 50
G. L. Connecticut	75 00	1,550 78	10,944 85	41,664 08
G. L. Delaware	12 58	3,357 60	10,477 55	15,379 40
G. L. Dist. Columbia	1,247 90	3,223 77	15,209 48	27,081 65
G. L. Florida	60 00	80 00	277 40	1,959 26
G. L. Georgia	200 00	1,180 00	5,117 00	16,143 67
G. L. Illinois	149 00	4,629 50	39,811 85	192,509 14
G. L. Indiana	1,677 91	10,948 04	59,261 42	202,281 28
G. L. Iowa	31 25	2,344 15	9,503 36	68,311 07
G. L. Kansas	6 00	1,060 35	6,042 85	33,314 46
G. L. Kentucky	583 48	4,876 09	28,829 91	59,412 91
G. L. Louisiana	247 50	2,297 55	9,698 85	24,376 20
G. L. L. Pro., B. N. A.	.....	150 50	499 25	2,717 10
G. L. Maine	.....	514 00	8,299 57	27,176 79
G. L. Maryland	2,171 56	10,885 59	89,030 94	133,166 69
G. L. Massachusetts	735 72	5,576 35	38,626 49	152,902 74
G. L. Michigan	307 99	3,565 43	10,396 22	68,185 09
G. L. Minnesota	.....	385 00	2,231 65	16,027 22
G. L. Mississippi	297 43	988 25	4,008 85	17,646 26
G. L. Missouri	3,938 15	5,374 30	31,335 20	88,667 76
G. L. Nebraska	.....	385 00	1,376 99	13,635 58
G. L. N. Hampshire	25 00	2,461 31	12,390 83	31,506 60
G. L. New Jersey	236 38	10,307 15	55,231 06	147,392 12
G. L. New York	850 86	24,622 42	133,563 32	414,069 18
G. L. Nevada	.....	1,595 08	14,407 09	46,167 94
G. L. North Carolina	133 23	225 25	756 88	5,233 98
G. L. Ohio	469 71	11,638 79	101,666 40	319,533 69
G. L. Ontario	106 00	1,317 76	8,766 90	25,299 44
G. L. Oregon	13 25	50 00	4,241 00	45,907 81
G. L. Pennsylvania	1,083 54	84,564 93	397,311 45	795,617 31
G. L. Rhode Island	47 00	938 50	5,932 84	50,932 84
G. L. South Carolina	73 00	367 00	2,177 00	5,213 65
G. L. Tennessee	645 55	1,720 45	11,547 13	40,269 99
G. L. Texas	816 02	1,733 07	6,941 34	64,846 03
G. L. Vermont	.....	120 00	604 50	4,993 30
G. L. Virginia	247 61	1,489 60	8,572 28	12,063 90
G. L. West Virginia	38 61	3,750 31	11,384 98	29,445 33
G. L. Wisconsin	.....	1,993 59	8,745 84	38,948 39
New Mexico	.....	.....	35 00	513 50
Dakota Territory	.....	37 00	93 00	2,150 04
Montana Territory	.....	75 00	379 00	2,647 49
Province of Quebec	.....	.....	30 00	684 81
Peru	.....	.....	.....	872 00
Sandwich Islands	11 00	100 00	1,079 25	1,448 33
Switzerland	.....	24 62	68 62	535 90
	$19,126 72	$233,127 39	$1,342,890 08	$3,828,309 95

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year commencing January* 1, 1872, *and ending December* 31, 1872.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. Encampm'ts.	No. initiated.	No. admit'd by c'd.	No. reinstated.	No. withd'n by c'd.	No. suspended or dropped.	No. expelled.	No. deceased.
G. E. Alabama	7	27	2	4	5	7	....	2
G. E. California	53	388	110	15	107	100	3	38
G. E. Colorado	5	26	8	1	1	....	....	....
G. E. Connecticut	17	231	37	3	25	18	4	9
G. E. Delaware	7	17	3	16	5	24	....	3
G. E. District Columbia	4	22	4	5	....	25	3	17
G. E. Georgia	11	50	6	9	10	24	3	1
G. E. Illinois	132	850	173	74	179	326	17	39
G. E. Indiana	120	570	97	54	108	250	17	40
G. E. Iowa	47	202	38	14	29	70	6	15
G. E. Kansas	21	140	15	1	4	16	4	4
G. E. Kentucky	45	240	22	13	38	79	5	25
G. E. Louisiana	7	17	4	1	6	23	1	7
G. E. Maine	11	286	....	3	31	7	....	5
G. E. Maryland	25	121	2	7	14	41	....	33
G. E. Massachusetts	33	838	53	31	71	22	3	22
G. E. Michigan	49	241	14	8	46	114	2	12
G. E. Minnesota	10	74	40	3	21	15	....	2
G. E. Mississippi	16	81	23	8	36	50	....	4
G. E. Missouri	61	296	31	23	45	251	4	23
G. E. Nebraska	6	10	1	....	2	....	2	1
G. E. New Hampshire	18	181	2	4	25	31	....	14
G. E. New Jersey	46	339	29	1	41	156	5	23
G. E. New York	73	950	99	34	122	288	5	49
G. E. North Carolina	6	5	2	....	3	2	1	....
G. E. Ohio	153	1334	216	63	313	414	24	102
G. E. Ontario	15	210	37	....	64	9	....	4
G. E. Pennsylvania	213	1671	225	42	168	835	22	167
G. E. Rhode Island	12	292	18	5	11	3	....	9
G. E. South Carolina*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
G. E. Tennessee	27	109	5	7	22	215	....	5
G. E. Texas	31	275	48	52	62	63	1	15
G. E. Vermont	7	35	....	....	1	....	1	1
G. E. Virginia	14	62	1	6	2	20	1	6
G. E. West Virginia	24	94	4	5	11	40	1	8
G. E. Wisconsin	54	134	6	95	34	111	2	8
Arkansas	8	47	5	....	8	16	....	1
Florida	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	....
Wyoming Territory	2	7	1	....	....	8	....	....
Lower Prov., B. N. A.*	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Montana Territory	1	2	13	....	....	....	....	....
Sandwich Islands*	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
	1393	10,476	1394	607	1670	3673	137	714

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year commencing January* 1, 1872, *and ending December* 31, 1872—continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of members in good standing.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No. widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.
G. E. Alabama	157	8	....	$184 00	.....
G. E. California	2,879	528	30	23,140 60	$1,618 00
G. E. Colorado	98	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Connecticut	1,406	42	....	618 00	.....
G. E. Delaware	413	98	....	585 65	.....
G. E. District Columbia.	661	62	4	1,531 00	255 16
G. E. Georgia	411	....	....	233 00	.....
G. E. Illinois	4,481	203	7	2,054 85	102 80
G. E. Indiana	4,907	536	7	6,505 95	169 00
G. E. Iowa	1,886	55	....	502 00	.....
G. E. Kansas	763	30	....	277 00	.....
G. E. Kentucky	2,310	206	14	2,599 55	15 00
G. E. Louisiana	259	9	....	60 00	.....
G. E. Maine	1,098	56	....	1,059 00	.....
G. E. Maryland	2,098	158	10	6,775 00	3,025 00
G. E. Massachusetts	4,521	183	4	3,732 00	187 00
G. E. Michigan	1,655	19	3	197 93	46 00
G. E. Minnesota	258	3	....	19 00	.....
G. E. Mississippi	276	7	....	44 00	.....
G. E. Missouri	2,123	91	7	944 75	60 00
G. E. Nebraska	177	3	....	24 00	.....
G. E. New Hampshire	1,566	88	6	1,079 62	110 00
G. E. New Jersey	2,598	261	....	5,132 49	.....
G. E. New York	4,704	155	7	3,006 35	257 00
G. E. North Carolina	134	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Ohio	10,407	947	37	19,782 13	803 00
G. E. Ontario	642	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Pennsylvania	14,516	2214	89	46,286 23	1,815 21
G. E. Rhode Island	1,004	20	1	252 71	.....
G. E. South Carolina*	.....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Tennessee	818	16	9	565 50	.....
G. E. Texas	749	17	3	108 75	61 00
G. E. Vermont	241	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Virginia	614	64	6	927 00	196 00
G. E. West Virginia	793	73	....	887 00	.....
G. E. Wisconsin	1,807	5	7	117 85	247 00
Arkansas	227	2	....	20 00	.....
Florida	35	....	....	.....	.....
Wyoming Territory	33	1	....	30 00	.....
Lower Prov., B. N. A.*	.....	....	....	.....	.....
Montana Territory	15	....	....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands*	.....	....	....	.....	.....
	73,749	6180	201	$129,782 91	$8,892 17

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year commencing January* 1, 1872, *and ending December* 31, 1872—continued.

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
G. E. Alabama	.....	$ 20 00	$154 00	$1,277 73
G. E. California	$193 00	2,114 63	27,066 28	66,469 17
G. E. Colorado	.....	.....	.....	699 82
G. E. Connecticut	.....	70 00	688 00	5,852 23
G. E. Delaware	.....	330 00	915 65	2,039 18
G. E. District Columbia	.....	390 00	2,176 16	2,989 16
G. E. Georgia	.....	25 00	258 00	1,599 00
G. E. Illinois	.....	371 87	2,529 52	17,089 53
G. E. Indiana	.....	975 00	7,589 95	23,111 08
G. E. Iowa	.....	55 00	557 00	5,463 40
G. E. Kansas	.....	20 00	297 00	3,327 13
G. E. Kentucky	.....	771 80	3,386 35	9,890 79
G. E. Louisiana	.....	69 10	129 10	1,409 60
G. E. Maine	.....	.....	1,059 00	6,140 89
G. E. Maryland	.....	1,151 00	10,951 00	15,954 08
G. E. Massachusetts	.....	805 80	4,814 80	26,644 81
G. E. Michigan	.....	180 00	423 93	6,510 40
G. E. Minnesota	.....	20 00	39 00	1,698 34
G. E. Mississippi	.....	30 00	74 00	2,242 76
G. E. Missouri	.....	174 60	1,179 35	7,924 08
G. E. Nebraska	.....	.....	24 00	324 05
G. E. New Hampshire	.....	77 20	1,266 82	5,058 46
G. E. New Jersey	.....	475 00	5,607 49	12,642 84
G. E. New York	.....	994 50	4,837 85	22,363 84
G. E. North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	260 50
G. E. Ohio	.....	2,021 27	22,611 40	73,243 86
G. E. Ontario	.....	.....	.....	2,793 33
G. E. Pennsylvania	.....	10,156 54	57,707 98	109,646 09
G. E. Rhode Island	25 00	165 00	442 71	5,384 40
G. E. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Tennessee	.....	190 00	755 50	4,965 89
G. E. Texas	.....	150 00	319 75	5,392 25
G. E. Vermont	.....	.....	.....	506 79
G. E. Virginia	.....	138 50	1,261 50	2,380 42
G. E. West Virginia	.....	150 00	1,037 00	3,505 51
G. E. Wisconsin	.....	75 00	439 85	3,333 45
Arkansas	.....	.....	20 00	2,081 84
Florida	.....	.....	.....	47 70
Wyoming Territory	.....	.....	30 00	197 77
Lower Prov., B. N. A.*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montana Territory	.....	.....	.....	429 00
Sandwich Islands*	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$218 00	$22,256 86	$160,649 94	$462,891 17

* No report.

DOCUMENTS

Accompanying Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Report.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

I. O. O. F

OFFICE OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE FOR SWITZERLAND,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., St. Gall, August 5, 1872.
Corresponding Secretary G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Please accept many hearty thanks for all your kind and friendly letters, which I duly received, and pardon me kindly for not having replied before this, but press of business, my removing from Zurich over here with my family to enter upon my new position as United States Consular Agent, etc., etc., have prevented. I have already sent you semi-annual report of Helvetia Lodge, list of names, and connecting incidents of the vote of thanks addressed to different parties.

I presume you will have learned how our beloved Order is prospering in Zurich, and I can tell you with great pleasure that I am just on the way to form a Lodge here, but I do not think that we are able to commence working before the beginning of winter, as the season of business is not flourishing at present here. Getting up a Lodge—second one in Switzerland—would be the greatest joy and pleasure for me I ever could experience, and the fondest remuneration for all endeavors. The progress in Zurich has been rather slow at first, but the brothers being all impressed by the noble principles of our beloved Order, and with that zeal which it inspires, renders its future prospect in Switzerland very encouraging.

At present I am very busy, being alone, and having very much to do this season, (exports, etc.,) but after some time I hope to be able to give you good news about establishing a Lodge here, and I think and expect the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States will grant us at least some assistance. I enclose check for $19.43, amount due to the R. W. Grand Lodge from Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, in Zurich, for first half year 1872. Expenses I had up to this for postage, etc., amount to 10 francs, about $1.75, which the R. W. Grand Lodge will remit to me at any time. It is very likely that I may also be able to form a Lodge in a place near St. Gall, but I cannot say when that will be; however, you may be convinced that I will do the best I can

And now, my dearest brother, will you be good enough to present my kindest fraternal regards to dear Bro. STUART, (I owe him an answer, and shall not forget to write him as soon as possible,) with best compliments to all dear brothers around you. Hoping you will excuse brevity and bad penmanship, as I am in great haste, believe me to remain, my dear sir and brother, most truly and fraternally yours ever, in F. L. and T.,

CHAS. HEINRICH, *D. D. G. S.*

P. S. Please, my dear brother, do not fail to remember me kindly to dear Bros. MORSE and FARNSWORTH, if you write them, and tell them that I never will forget so dear and worthy brothers as they are, although I had not time to write them since. Yours, in haste. C. H.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

CHAS. HEINRICH, Baltimore, September 24, 1872.
D. D. Grand Sire for Switzerland.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very interesting letter of August 5, dated St. Gall, is received, and gives me great pleasure. I have made known to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its recent session held in this city our entire correspondence during the past year, all of which you will fully see in my printed report, which is this day transmitted to your address at St. Gall. In consequence of the fullness of that report I shall not detain you by any attempt at recapitulation, but refer you generally to the document, which I have no doubt will give you pleasure. A Grand Charter has been granted to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire under such terms as will in no wise interfere with Switzerland. It is gratifying to learn from you that you have it in contemplation to establish a Lodge at St. Gall. It is only necessary to enlighten the people as to the character of our institution, and to have its principles fully understood, to render it not only attractive but to make it very popular. No people would more thoroughly enjoy it than the Swiss, as well on account of the liberality of the government as of their general intelligence. The spirit of fraternity is elementary with the Swiss people, which, more or less, they have inherited as inseparable from the trials and experiences of their ancestors, and from the education instilled into their minds from these memories. You are worthy of all praise for your zeal in the discharge of your official duties. I brought the subject of dues from Lodges in foreign countries to the attention of the Grand Lodge of the United States at the late session, and recommended, as you will see, the return of that already paid by Helvetia Lodge, but it was overlooked in the hurry of the session. I had the honor to receive from the President and Secretary of the committee of arrangements for the dedication of the Odd-Fellows Hall, at Zurich, an invitation to be present, but the distance was too great and I was obliged to decline.

I have presented, as you desired, your respects to Bros. MORSE, STUART, and FARNSWORTH, the former of whom has just left for his home, having been attending the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. He desires to be affectionately remembered to you, and expresses his great delight at the prosperity of Helvetia Lodge. In relation to charges which you have incurred in your official capacity, it is to be regretted that the committee to whom my suggestion was referred, that the same be reimbursed, and also on returning the payment made by Helvetia Lodge, did not report. This will, however, be doubtless done at the next session. I will send you the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's report, also the daily proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and will also send you by January 3, 1873, a copy or two of the revised and improved Charge Book. Meanwhile, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF D. D. GRAND SIRE OF WURTTEMBERG,
Stuttgart, August 6, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Corresponding Secretary Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of July 19th is received. On the 28th of July the Past Grands of the different Lodges of Germany, with the exception of Switzerland, had a convention in the hall of Odd-Fellows in Berlin. In company with Bro. SCHATTLE I went there, and after a long

meeting, we unanimously concluded to petition the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Germany; no doubt Bro. WOLLHEIM, who is on the way to the United States on business, will furnish you all the details of the convention. I hope there will be no objection on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States to allow the future Grand Lodge of Germany to be instituted in some central place, (say Frankfort-on-the-Main,) so that we in the most southern part of our country will not have to travel so far. As soon as our petition is granted, and the Grand Lodge is instituted, of course my duty as D. D. Grand Sire will cease, and I wish you will inform me what I have to do.

Bro. SCHATTLE and myself visited the Lodges in Berlin; we also went to Dresden and visited Saxonia, No. 1, and were delighted at our warm-hearted and most fraternal reception.

I hope my letter will reach you in good health and spirits, as it leaves me. I remain, yours, truly, in F. L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, September 23, 1872.

M. BERNHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 6th instant (August) received; would have had an earlier reply but for overwhelming engagements. I need only say that our beloved Bro. WOLLHEIM, who was present at our session, takes out with him and will communicate to you all the details of our proceedings touching the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which you will locate where you think best. I will send you, also, copies of all the reports and journals without delay. I beg to add that Bro. WOLLHEIM has endeared himself to us all by his great zeal in our cause, by his eminently successful administration as Deputy Grand Sire, and by his high-toned manner and amiable personal qualities.

The Grand Charter will be, in a few days, prepared in handsome style and sent out to the Grand Sire for his signature; this will unfortunately create a little delay, but it is unavoidable. So soon as you are organized as a Grand Lodge I will send you, if you desire it, special instructions and advice, but you will be wholly independent of us except in name, ritual, A. T. P. W., and card.

I give you joy of your new character, and believe that in the hands of such men our cause is safe and will be abundantly prosperous.

Yours, truly JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

LIMA, PERU, SOUTH AMERICA, August 8, 1872.

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Being instructed at the regular meeting of August 1st to communicate to you the desire of Lima Lodge, No. 1, I now do so; the desire of the Lodge is to ask the return of a card belonging to Bro. PHILIP BARNETT, of Worth Lodge, No. 400, South New York, the same having been forwarded by Bro. N. HURWITZ on the 22d day of December, 1870, enclosed with others, and an application for a charter to open Subordinate Lodge, which is the one now established here of the above name.

Bro. BARNETT having failed to be present at the institution of the Lodge, and being generally absent from the city, desires the return of his original

withdrawal card. We therefore pray for the return of the same. Hoping to receive from you a favorable response,

We remain, sincerely yours, in F. L. and T.,

GEO. J. SCHMIDT, *N. G.*
WILLIAM LONG, *R. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, September 23, 1872.

EDWARD J. SCHMIDT, *Noble Grand,*
WILLIAM LONG, *Recording Secretary,*
Lima Lodge, No. 1, *Peru.*

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: At the request of the M. W. Grand Sire I have the honor of transmitting to you the card of Bro. PHILIP BARNETT, pursuant to your request of August 8, 1872, which I trust will reach you in safety. I acknowledge the receipt of the first report of Lima Lodge, No. 1, through Bro. HURWITZ, transmitted to the Grand Sire, and to-day made to him an official acknowledgment.

Yours, truly,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

AREQUIPA, PERU, August 15, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours under date June 28th just received. You will recollect my telling you in my former letter of having had sickness in my family since my arrival. A few days after writing I was taken sick myself with one of the fevers peculiar to this country, was confined to my bed for several days, and am only able now, with considerable effort, to get from my house to the office and back, (a distance of three squares.)

Under these circumstances you will pardon me if my letter is not as lengthy as it might be under other circumstances.

Enclosed herewith I send you the first semi-annual report of Lima Lodge, No. 1. The officers were installed by the retiring Noble Grand, Bro. HURWITZ, it having been impossible for me to be there. Regarding the progress of the Lodge the report speaks for itself.

Please let me know the amount of dues owing by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge. It is very difficult to get exchange in this country for small amounts, and as I am frequently sending money to San Francisco, I can arrange so the amount due can be paid to Bro. Past Grand SOHER, and by him remitted to you, and the brothers in Lima can pay me the amount.

As soon as I recover a little strength I will write to you giving you my ideas of the progress of the Order in South America. At present, though "the heart is willing the flesh is weak," and I must reluctantly ask your indulgence. In the mean time believe me,

Fraternally, yours, in F. L. and T.,
JAMES PASCOE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, September 25, 1872.

JAMES PASCOE, *D. D. Grand Sire for Peru.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 15th August, accompanied with the first report of Lima Lodge, No. 1, has been received and placed on file in this office. These returns will be hereafter made only once a year, and

transmitted directly to the Grand Secretary. The return indicates a high degree of prosperity, which, considering the great disadvantages under which the body was instituted, is remarkable and gratifying. I now send you the A. T. P. W. for 1873, and to avoid the tediousness of interpreting by key and the danger of misconstruction, I send by *accompanying letter*. I know nothing which you owe to the Grand Lodge of the United States except the dues, which is ten per cent. upon receipts. You can remit at your leisure and convenience, reducing to our currency.

Wishing you continued prosperity, I remain, yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

ZURICH, August 20, 1873.

FRED. D. STUART, Esq., *M. W. Grand Sire*
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR: On behalf of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, of Zurich, I beg leave to remind you to forward a legal charter to this Lodge, so that we may have the same present at the dedication of our new hall, October 1, prox.

Accept herewith assurances of the highest esteem from all the members of this Lodge. N. WOELTZENBIM, *Recording Secretary*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, September 24, 1872.

N. WOELTZENBIM,
Recording Secretary Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of August 26th is received. I reply that your Lodge, Helvetia, No. 1, is working now under a legal charter, the warrant under which it was instituted becoming such by operation of law, which you will see by consulting the Digest, section 980. Hence you require no other document than the one originally issued by Bro. MORSE.

Yours, fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

HONOLULU, August 30, 1872.

J. L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge. I. O O. F.,
United States of America.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I owe you an apology for not answering your kind letter of May 30th, but I have been so much engaged with official business that it has been utterly impossible for me to devote the time to writing the answer your letter required.

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The Order here, I am happy to report, is in a flourishing condition. We now number seventy-eight members, and I have no doubt we will continue to increase.

I have had our old charter from the Grand Lodge placed in the Lodge room, and I hope at your next session we shall again be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

To continue on the subject of the charter: I have to request, when you send the charter, to send the same to Bro. C. S. BARTOW, who is the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, and if it is necessary he should be appointed D. D. Grand Sire, please send the necessary documents. Bro. BARTOW is one of the original members of Excelsior Lodge, having united with it in 1846, and since which time he has been a good member.

I hope that the Grand Lodge will take such action, at its next session, as will enable us to admit such persons of color as we think will make good Odd-Fellows. For myself I think the matter ought to be left to each Lodge to admit as they think proper.

As it is so long since we abandoned the Encampment, it may be that we are not posted thoroughly. Could you not send out in cypher, also, by next mail, a key to the secret work of the Encampment?

With kind regards to Grand Sire STUART, and best wishes and fraternal regards to yourself, my dear sir and brother,

I remain, yours, fraternally,

W. C. PARKE, *S. D. Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, September 30, 1872

W. C. PARKE, *P. D. D. Grand Sire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of August 30 was received in the midst of the hurry and pressure of business, on Friday, September 20, immediately upon the opening of the morning session. By general consent it was considered out of the order of business, and at once referred to the Committee on Petitions, by which a favorable report was made, which was adopted. See daily Journal, 121, 127, 141, which I have already sent to you. Upon looking for the original charter, which we supposed was in our custody, after a most diligent and fruitless search our attention was turned to my annual report, page 373, session of 1866, where was found the following language, which would lead to the opinion that the original never reached this office: "Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, located heretofore at the same place, has ceased to work, and the charter, books, funds, and furniture have been surrendered to the D. D. Grand Sire in charge, Bro. W. C. PARKE." It is further stated that "the books and papers were placed in an iron safe belonging to the Encampment." Under the circumstances it is impossible for us to do more than to issue a duplicate of the original charter, dated November, 1853, which is the date upon which it was issued according to our books. The duplicate will correspond entirely with the original except in the signatures of the Grand Officers; it will be signed by the present Grand Officers with this special endorsement: "*Granted in lieu of the original, dated November* 1, 1853, *which has been lost or destroyed.*" Should it, however, turn out that you have the original in the safe referred to, you can send it here to be endorsed "*restored by order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, September session,* 1872." I shall await advice from you before I transmit a duplicate. Meanwhile I will have everything in readiness to be sent out, including any special want of supplies, so soon as I hear from you. You will also observe from the proceedings that Excelsior Lodge is at liberty to return to this jurisdiction. Subordination to the Grand Lodge of the United States would seem to be the natural sphere of the Sandwich Islands and all other foreign countries in which Grand Bodies are not established. The committee to which the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's reports on this subject were referred, reported in accordance with these views, and the honored representatives of California concurring, the report was adopted.

Accordingly you will open a correspondence with the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of California with a view to a final adjustment, amicably, of your relations with that Grand Jurisdiction and a return to this if you prefer such a course.

I shall hail your restoration with much pleasure, and hope that it may be the means of so stimulating your zeal and energy as to multiply Lodges

in the jurisdiction, and thus lead to a Grand Lodge organization at no distant period. Such an acquisition on your part would relieve you promptly of all the disabilities under which you labor on the subject of "color," since when you became quasi-sovereign as a jurisdiction in the Order you could frame your own organic regulations and be restrained by your Grand Charter only, in the work, the A. P. T. W., and the general terms of affiliation. At least such has been the liberal policy of the last Grand Lodge of the United States in granting a charter to the Grand Lodge of the "German Empire." No reason can exist why this like prerogative should not be extended to all such quasi-sovereignties. It is, therefore, only a question of time with you in the Sandwich Islands when you may regulate all local subjects in Odd-Fellowship without foreign restraint. At your request Bro. C. S. BARTOW is appointed D. D. Grand Sire for the time being; that is, his present commission will expire January 1, 1873; meanwhile he will be supplied with every facility and instruction which he may need. It is not in my power to send the secret work of the Encampment, which you request, or I would gladly gratify you. And now, my good brother, having given you all the information necessary, I must return my heartfelt thanks for your kind and generous words of love and affection for me, and beg to assure you that they are profoundly appreciated. It will always afford me the greatest pleasure to be of service to the brothers of Honolulu, and to hear of your health and happiness. With my devout prayers for the prosperity of Excelsior Lodge, and for Polynesia Encampment, I am now, as always, Your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
BORUSSIA LODGE, NO. 2, OF PRUSSIA,
Berlin, September 3, 1872.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, Esq., *R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec'y*
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It affords me extraordinary pleasure to find it necessary to approach you upon the subject of the introduction of our Order into Buenos Ayres, the object of this letter being to enlist your fraternal aid in bringing this matter before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

I ask your indulgence for being compelled to approach the matter in a circumlocutory manner.

At the beginning of the Franco-Prussian war, thirteen Germans, residing in Buenos Ayres, left their homes to enter the German army. Nine out of this number were lost in battle, and the remaining four are now about returning to South America. Among those is Mr. C. BROCKES, lieutenant in the Prussian army, decorated with the iron cross of the first and second class, living in the province of Santa Fe, Buenos Ayres, and there holding the offices of justice of the peace and president of the Communal Council, as well as commissioner of schools and public worship, who was severely wounded, and during his convalescence resided in Vienna. He there became acquainted with Bro. STECKELMANN, of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, who excited his interest in our Order.

By illness and the death of his father, Mr. BROCKES was detained in Vienna, and as no Lodge (owing to local laws) can be established in Austria, and as the steamer for his home leaves Hamburg to-day, he has had no opportunity of joining the Order, not being able to remain either in Dresden or Berlin (which cities he passed through) long enough to be initiated in the Lodges at those points.

I became acquainted with him through some commercial intercourse rendered necessary between us, and satisfied myself fully of his excellent character, and succeeded so well in further enlisting his sympathies for the

Order, that Mr. BROCKES is sincerely animated by the wish to see a Lodge started in Buenos Ayres at an early day. His impression is that the soil would prove an eminently fertile one for the propagation of the Order, as a great many Germans and Swiss live there, to whom an opportunity of this kind, an additional bond of union to the Fatherland, as it were, would be very welcome.

Convinced of your heartfelt sympathy in this matter, and hoping that this will reach you during the session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I ask you to advocate this mission to the south.

I trust that the step I have taken is a legal one. Unfortunately, our worthy District Deputy Grand Sire is, as you are aware, not here, else I would certainly have corresponded with him on the subject. As it is, the urgency of the matter has compelled me to fall back on my own resources. Not being versed in the English language, I am compelled to write in German, but trust that Bro. LINDENBERG, or some other brother familiar with that tongue, will be able to translate this for you in a satisfactory manner.

Should any special correspondence with Mr. BROCKES be requisite, he may be addressed care of the German Consulate in Buenos Ayres.

In conclusion, I wish to be allowed to tender you again renewed assurance of my personal esteem and veneration for you; rest assured that yourself personally, and your great and valuable services, are sources of honest pride and subjects of pleasurable reflection to your brethren.

With fraternal grip and greeting, I am, truly, yours,

In F. L. and T.,

PAUL FUHRE, *Noble Grand*,
No. 47 *Linden Strasse.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, September 26, 1872.

PAUL FUHRE, *Noble Grand Borussia Lodge, No.* 2,
Jurisdiction of Prussia.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of September 1, inst., is received. It affords me great pleasure to reply to your several inquiries, and thus to testify my high appreciation of your zeal and devotion in behalf of our beloved Order. There is but one way ordinarily, and in strict conformity to our laws, by which a Subordinate Lodge can be established. That mode is presented in article 1 by-laws, page 479 Digest. Dispensations may be issued to competent brothers by the M. W. Grand Sire, in cases of exigency, to initiate five persons in order to qualify them to petition for a Subordinate Lodge. Hence, in the case of the gentleman named in your letter, viz., Mr. C. BROCKES, lieutenant in the Prussian army, whose sympathies have been awakened in Odd-Fellowship, and who was prevented from being initiated in Europe by the causes which you enumerate, there is no way to accomplish his initiation at Buenos Ayres or to establish a Lodge there for the purpose excepting in the manner I have above indicated. My advice would be that an advertisement be inserted in the newspapers at Buenos Ayres inviting all American Odd-Fellows, that is, Odd-Fellows of the American Order, to meet at some public house for the purpose of considering the propriety of forming a Lodge. This will bring together, I have no doubt, one or more of our brethren, through whom all proper steps may be taken with this office to accomplish this object. Buenos Ayres is a large commercial city, and our brothers are to be found wherever trade and business invites men of enterprise and thrift. I take great pleasure in congratulating you upon the granting of a charter for "the Grand Lodge of the German Empire" at the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United

States, and earnestly pray that it may have a success equal to that of its great parent. Your brother, H. WOLLHEIM's presence accomplished the object, and to him you owe a lasting obligation. He impressed us all with admiration of his sterling qualities as a gentleman, and with love for him as an earnest and untiring Odd-Fellow.

Yours, fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

NEW YORK, September 5, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Since my dispatch of Thursday evening last I have been trying to manage my business affairs so as to be able to go to you early this week, but in vain; and I regret to say that even to-day I am as yet unable to leave here or to say with certainty that I shall be ready to do so before Sunday night. The worst feature is that in all probability I shall be obliged to take the steamer of 11th instant on my return trip. I shall either write or telegraph to you on Saturday next, and if anything unforseen should prevent my going there altogether, (which I fondly hope may not be the case,) I would then transmit to you, by letter, my full official report, and would give my individual views to Past Grand Sire KENNEDY, with the request to present them to the M. W. Grand Sire and to the Grand Lodge on my behalf.

I shall make a desperate effort, however, to get to Baltimore before I return to Europe, even if I could not stay there more than a few hours.

I am, respected sir brother, with fraternal regard, yours, very sincerely,
H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, September 6, 1872.

H. WOLLHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of yesterday, 5th inst., is received. It is impossible for me to convey to you any adequate idea of the disappointment which your absence from the rapidly approaching annual session of the Grand Lodge of the United States will occasion. This disappointment, great as it will be, will be nothing in comparison to the momentous interests involved as to the future of Odd-Fellowship in Europe, which will be, if not entirely sacrificed, at least greatly periled thereby. I do not mean, of course, to find fault with what is undoubtedly unavoidable on your part, or to urge you against impossibilities: nevertheless, I am constrained by the exigency to say that such an opportunity as is now imminent, almost within your immediate presence, of rendering a service to our great cause which may never again transpire if lost, will, I fear, produce evils not to be easily repaired, and possibly check our progress for years to come.

You are aware, I presume, that the Grand Lodge of the United States is by no means a unit upon the subject of propagandism: that in fact among our most influential and intelligent brethren essential differences of opinion prevail, if not upon the general question, certainly upon details, such as the mode of operation, system of government, and the proper subordinate relations; besides, there is a great want of reliable information as to the adaptability of the people abroad to our peculiar system and of their disposition to affiliate. Upon these and many other cognate interests your presence here would have a salutary influence. Your correspondence with this office has been of a valuable character, and the high degree of intelligence

and administrative ability which it has displayed has given us the assurance that in your person we have the right man in the right place. Nobody knows better than yourself that such an officer, or such an auxiliary, is indispensable to success in any enterprise, and that the greater or less ability and energy displayed in such service is the measure of profit. If you could look in upon the Grand Lodge of the United States for a few hours, and witness its general embodiment, composed of some one hundred and thirty gentlemen, representing forty-two distinct Grand Bodies in separate political communities: if you could interchange views and opinions with the membership, hear their respective experiences, witness their devotion and self-sacrifice in behalf of an improved humanity among men; if, I repeat, your presence in such a midst could be had, and you could breathe such an atmosphere for a few days, you would return to the Fatherland so freighted with precious and invaluable helps for Odd Fellowship that I should hail the advantage as the brightest auspice in all our fortune. My brother, it is in vain that I attempt to describe the immense importance of your presence here. Your own superior intelligence and foresight will readily supply any deficiency of words. I trust, therefore, that now that you are in sight of the assembled Representatives, when you can so much enlighten us upon the situation in Europe, and receive in return so much moral aid and comfort from us, you will abide in our country a few days longer, that we may all grasp your hand with a cordial and fraternal welcome, and give you thus an earnest of the solicitude for our beloved Order which dwells in our hearts, and with which it is our highest ambition to inspire our brothers in Europe.

Under any and all circumstances I shall expect your presence in this place, where the Grand Sire will join us with a view to a conference and comparison of views upon the general welfare.

I beg to be, yours very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR SAXONY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
September 17, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the pleasure to inform you that I instituted, on the 2d of September, in the city of Dresden, a second Lodge, bearing the name Alemania Lodge, No. 2.

It was composed, at the time of its institution, of eleven members, ten of whom had lately drawn their withdrawal cards from Saxonia Lodge for this purpose, while the eleventh member had withdrawn from the mother Lodge ten months ago, on changing his residence to Munich, and having returned lately to Dresden again he joined the new Lodge.

The following are the names of the charter members: Charles Ealer, O. Rohrig, E. W. Muller, E. Klink, C. O. Rosh, C. J. Lotze, C. A. Lehmann, F. Sterron, E. Kruger, C. R. Johne, E. Backhaus.

I might add that the loss of ten of our best members of Saxonia Lodge has, since the inauguration of the new one, been partly covered by an almost corresponding increase of the former's membership.

I have purposely delayed my report to see how the young Lodge would work and the effect it would have, and I am happy to say that I continue to foresee only good beneficial results from the existence of this additional link in our Order; it will enlarge our working field, put to test our principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, call forth a healthy and brotherly rivalry between the two Lodges, keeping off in that way a stagnation

which sooner or later would have become apparent, and it gives our Order a surer and safer basis in this country than it has heretofore occupied.

You will confer a favor upon me, dear sir, by sending me as soon as convenient one, if possible, two sets of Charge Books; a number of visiting and withdrawal cards, as I have not one left; all the blanks necessary for the annual and semi-annual reports of two Lodges, and some German Digests.

There being a prospect for the further use of Dispensational Blanks for the institution of new Lodges, you would confer a favor upon me by also sending some of the latter and by informing me at the same time of the indebtedness for those articles.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express to you my sincere esteem and respect, and remain, dear sir and brother,

Yours, very truly, in F. L. and T.,

O. ARNOUX,

Special Deputy Grand Sire for Saxony.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, February 3, 1872.

O. ARNOUX, Esq.,
D. D. Grand Sire for Saxony.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 17th ultimo has been received for several days, and my reply has been unavoidably deferred until this moment, awaiting ability to furnish the needed supplies. These go to-day by express to your address as per enclosed account. It is a substantial sense of gratification to have so good a report from you of the prosperous career of our beloved Order in your important jurisdiction. The institution of the new Lodge, Alemania, No. 2, which you report, indicates a healthy progress, and sanctioned as it has been by your good judgment, it cannot fail of reasonable success. To have expected entire unanimity on the part of the members of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, in this state of things, would have been unreasonable, since it is not in human nature to acquiesce in the loss, or supposed loss, of prestige. No. 1 might naturally conclude that the formation of a new Lodge would check its own growth, and to some extent beget a spirit of emulation and rivalry to its disadvantage; but this idea is generally illusive, the experience being that this very spirit of emulation promotes the general welfare. I am rejoiced that such has already been the experience, as I am assured that the sister Lodges do each pursue its path in love and harmony, looking only to the great cause which is common alike to both.

You have doubtless, ere this will reach you, already received the annual reports of the Grand Sire and of the Grand Secretary, together with the daily Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its recent session. These documents are so full on the subjects to which they respectively relate, that I do not deem it proper to refer to them, further than to congratulate you upon the grant of a charter for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which in a few days I hope to have the honor of transmitting to D. D. Grand Sire WOLLHEIM, by whom, I presume, the proper steps will be taken for its organization. Thenceforth you will be adrift upon the broad sea of independent life, to take care of Odd-Fellowship free from all foreign control except in a few essential and organic particulars, which are specially prescribed in the charter. These refer to the Ritual, identity of character and name, and a few details of discipline and work.

From the intelligence, general ability, and love which have been so eminently displayed by the D. D. Grand Sires in Germanic Europe in the administration of the Order as well as from the peculiar adaptation of the German heart to the great principles which it proclaims, and the benefits which it confers upon mankind, I feel confident that hereafter your career will be as grand and prosperous in Odd-Fellowship as in your national character it has been pre-eminently illustrious.

The packages this day sent contain all that we can supply—the German Digests we do not issue. I have written to-day to Bro. LINDENBERG, of Columbus, Ohio, to send you a few copies with their bill. Allow me, in closing this letter, to reciprocate most cordially your kind salutations, and to subscribe myself, in the bonds of F. L. and T.,

Yours, sincerely, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

STUTTGART, October 7, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary, Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It seems to me that you owe me an answer to my last letter, but I take into consideration that you are at present much occupied on account of the late meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The reason why I write to-day is of great importance to you, as I know everything appertaining to our beloved Order on this side of the globe you read with interest. Last week was a regular week of festivals to me. On the first of October, Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, at Zurich, dedicated their new hall, which the brothers built expressly at a large cost, and five brothers from Wurttemberg, No. 1, three brothers from Donau, No. 2, and two brothers from Schiller, No. 3, went to Zurich to help them. I cannot tell you, dear brother, all the attention and friendship they bestowed upon us; the hospitality which was shown us was such as only true and good Odd-Fellows can give to a brother. It is not in my power to describe to you the details of the festival; you will no doubt find all the particulars in the "Herz and Hand." The second and great joyful intelligence is that in a very short time we will have in Munich a Lodge of our beloved Order. Bro. CHARLES MAYER, member of Harmonie Lodge, No. 13, San Francisco, shortly returned to California, is acquainted with a Mr. KEIL, a brother of the present Noble Grand of Harmonie Lodge, and through MAYER Mr. KEIL got acquainted with Bro. SCHATTLE and several brothers from here. Bro. SCHATTLE went right to work and set the ball rolling, and the result is, that yesterday, with my dispensation, four gentlemen from Munich received from Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1, the initiatory degree, and in the afternoon meeting the fifth degree. The money they had to pay we returned to them for the use of the new Lodge. There is a brother of the Order already at Munich who is a member of one of the New York Lodges, so that the five will, as soon as the Lodge room and everything necessary to open a Lodge is ready, draw their cards and petition for a dispensation, which I will willingly grant, as I never saw a better set of true hearted and noble men. It is for our cause of the greatest importance that in Munich, the hot-bed of Jesuitism, our Order should prosper, and if anything can be done on the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I pray you, dear brother, use your influence. It is for these few brothers a great undertaking, and they must be encouraged from all quarters. As I mentioned in my former letters too much praise cannot be given to Bro. SCHATTLE, who is helping me in every new enterprize for the good of the Order. From Bro. WOLLHEIM I have not heard since he returned from the United States. I hope he was successful with his mission concerning the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. The new Lodge will be instituted in the month of November, and it will no doubt be known as Bavaria Lodge, No. 1.

Now, dear brother, I think for to-day I will close my letter, and as soon as our beloved banner is planted in the Kingdom of Bavaria, you shall hear more from your humble servant With the best wishes for your health and the prosperity of our Order, I remain,

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, October 30, 1872.

M. BERNHEIM,
S. D. Grand Sire for the Kingdom of Wurttemberg.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 7th October advises me that I owe you a letter in response to your last. In this regard I think you will find that you are under a mistake ere this shall have reached its destination. Your last bears date August 6th, and my answer to it, according to my letter book, is dated 25th September; this, of course, could scarcely have been in your hands when you last wrote, October 7. With this explanation, and without repeating the contents of my favor of 25th ultimo, I reply to your very welcome communication. It is, as you will imagine, a source of great pleasure to our brethren in America to be advised of the continuous progress of our Order in the Fatherland, and I shall always esteem it a privilege in every way in my power to diffuse the intelligence widely throughout our country. We have, as you know, a very extensive periodical press, and through this instrumentality the intelligence will receive a wide circulation. The dedication of the new hall, erected by Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, at Zurich, Switzerland, is quite an imposing event, and the spirit of fellowship and sympathy which the brethren at Stuttgart and of the Lodges in Wurttemberg generally evinced toward Helvetia Lodge is a beautiful illustration of the principles of Odd-Fellowship. These episodes, my brother, are full of most powerful argument in favor of our Order and its peculiar adaptation to its great mission. In this way its lessons are practically taught, and their influence is rendered diffusive. I know of no more effective means of strengthening the tie which binds Odd-Fellows together than the assiduous cultivation of sociality and personal intercourse. I am quite happy to hear also that we are to add a new link to our European chain by the acquisition of Lodge No. 1, in the Kingdom of Bavaria.. Everything on our part will be done to advance this object, provided always that the movement is in no way in conflict with the laws of the Kingdom. I cannot, of course, suppose there is any danger of your compromising yourself in this respect, but simply refer to the possibility in view of your reference to the "Jesuitism" of the country.

Roman Catholicism in this country is growing wiser and more prudent on the subject of secret benevolent organizations. We have lived down their opposition: our record of work in the interest of an oppressed "humanity" at once overwhelms them with confusion and exacts a tribute of admiration from all true religion. Referring to my last letter for details and to the printed daily Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, heretofore sent to you, I conclude with my sincere congratulations at the bright prospects which opens up before the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. In a few days the Grand Charter will reach me from the Grand Sire, when I will hasten it on its way to our Bro. WOLLHEIM.

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

LIMA, PERU, October 13, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.

WORTHY SIR AND BROTHER: Enclosed please forward to C. A. LOGAN, Esq., postage, &c.; please charge to Lima Lodge, No. 1. I hope that Bro. JAMES PASCOE has given directions regarding the dues of our Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States; at least he promised me to do so. Any communication with our worthy special Deputy Grand Sire takes from two to four weeks, and I have therefore not heard yet how he has arranged it.

Lima Lodge, No. 1, is doing fairly; we have twenty-five members, and though initiations have of late become scarce, our prospects are favorable, with hopes that the Republic of Peru will boast, in the year 1873, of two Lodges instead of one, and

With best wishes for your health and prosperity, I am,

Yours, fraternally,

N. HURWITZ,

238 *Calle Union, Lima, Peru.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

N. HURWITZ, Esq. Baltimore, November 6, 1872.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of October 13, with enclosed for our worthy Grand Sire, Dr. C. A. LOGAN, has been this day received. The letter enclosed has been, without delay, forwarded to the Grand Sire at his domicile, Leavenworth, Kansas, and will reach him, doubtless, in about three days. We are rejoiced to hear of the good condition of Lima Lodge, No. 1, and of your favorable anticipation and hopes for Odd-Fellowship in the Republic of Peru. I am not in receipt of any late advices from Bro. JAMES PASCOE, special Deputy Grand Sire, but have no doubt of his zealous efforts in the administration of his important office.

With my earnest prayer for the extension of our Order in the Republic, and best wishes for your prosperity, I am, very truly, yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

BERLIN, October 19, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary
G. L. U. S., Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It was the intention of Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, who returned in good health on the 9th inst., to at once write to you. Owing to the severe sickness of one of our brother's children he was continually prevented from doing so, and therefore requested me to address you the present.

Brother friend, I enclose the response received from Mr. BANCROFT in reference to the vote of thanks tendered him by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and beg to report that Bro. WOLLHEIM has promulgated the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States to all the different jurisdictions, and informed these bodies of the attentions shown him during his stay in America. These communications were universally received with great joy, and Bro. WOLLHEIM now begs to tender his sincere thanks to you, the M. W. Grand Sires STUART and KENNEDY, as well as all the Representatives, for the kind and fraternal reception extended to him, and to express his regret at having been unable, owing to his hurried departure, to verbally give vent to his gratitude. The fraternity in Germany expect

soon to receive their charter, and I therefore beg of you, in the name and by authority of Bro. WOLLHEIM, to hasten, as much as in your power, the forwarding of said charter, as also the appointment of a competent brother for the purpose of instituting the Grand Lodge.

Believe me, dear sir and brother, with great esteem,

Fraternally yours,

WILH. ALTVATER.

U. S. LEGATION, BERLIN, August 5, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Grand Rec. and Cor. Sec'y, &c., &c.*

MY DEAR SIR: I have had the pleasure of receiving the vote which the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows adopted in respect to me, and beg you to assure them of my great satisfaction in learning authentically that my efforts to meet their wishes have met their approbation.

I remain, dear sir, yours sincerely,

GEO. BANCROFT.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, November 9, 1872

WILH. ALTVATER, Esq.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 19th October is received. I learn from it, with great pleasure, of the safe arrival of our mutual friend and brother, H. WOLLHEIM, at his home, and share with you sincere regret at his domestic affliction. Be kind enough to present to him my earnest sympathy in his trial and devout hope for the speedy recovery of the little one. I acknowledge also the receipt of Mr. GEO. BANCROFT's letter, which I have been fortunate enough to get in its appropriate place in the correspondence in the revised Journal, now passing through the press; so that every link in the chain of the interesting history of your progress is now present and of record in its past connection. Doubtless, ere this will have reached its destination, you will know that the charter for the Grand Lodge of "The German Empire" is already in the hands of D. D. Grand Sire WOLLHEIM, with accompanying necessary papers to enable him to institute the same. In his capacity of D. G. Grand Sire, this office belongs to him: in case, however, as I suppose may be highly probable, he may prefer to delegate this authority, such a course may be pursued. In a few days the Grand Sire will transmit the A. T. P. W. and word of the Degree of Rebekah. When the Grand Lodge is formally organized and shall have designated the manner in which the secret work shall be transmitted in safety, and to which address, he will also have great pleasure in complying with the law in that regard. All the brethren of the Grand Lodge of the United States were much pleased with Bro. WOLLHEIM, and passed in his company many very pleasant days. We were impressed with our good fortune in his selection for the high trust confided to him, and the great confidence which was inspired by his obvious ability and integrity of character, combined with his ardent zeal and devotion to the cause, proved to be powerful aids in the attainment of so liberal and magnanimous a Grand Charter. Be so kind as to give my most affectionate regards to Bro. WOLLHEIM, and believe me to be, very truly yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE OF SWITZERLAND,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

St. Gall, October 17, 1872.

J. L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
R. W. Corresponding Secretary G. L. U. S., Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the pleasure to acknowledge your kind and welcome favors of the 12th of August and 24th of September. I cannot fully express my feelings of gratitude for your great patience and kind indulgence shown to me, and am very happy to learn from your letter that you were contented with my report, etc. I can only repeat to you again, that it shall be my constant effort to do whatever I can possibly do for our beloved Order, and I consider it not only my greatest duty of life, because I am a brother of the Order, but especially to justify the great confidence you have kindly given to me.

I have to communicate to you that on the end of September last, I duly appointed Bro. ED. ALTENHOFFER, P. G. Junior of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, in Zurich, my temporary Deputy, hoping my doing so will meet the approbation of the M. W. Grand Sire; my principal reason for that was to be always represented "*in loco*," as I am not living in Zurich, thinking it in the interest and for the good of the Lodge as well as of my administration of office.

On the 1st instant the public dedication of the new hall of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, in Zurich, took place, and I had the pleasure and honor of dedicating the same. All the ceremonies, etc., were properly arranged and passed off well. The new hall is a splendid one in every respect. I sent you a Zurich newspaper containing the details of the festival. I had two friends from St. Gall with me witnessing the dedication, etc.; one of them, a very promising young gentleman, was initiated on the morning after, at 9 o'clock, the first one in the new hall. That agreeable act took place in the presence of, and with the help of nearly all the brethren of Helvetia Lodge. The five degrees were conferred free of charge. This acquisition is a great assistance in establishing a Lodge here, he being a man of character and of position, and well known and esteemed in St. Gall, and as he is much pleased with the Order, I only hope and wish to be able to inform you soon of the institution of a Lodge here, (St. Gall Lodge.) I must not forget to mention to you that the best effect of the public dedication was to give us many new candidates in Zurich..

Whilst in Zurich I was also together for some hours with the United Vice Consul, an intimate friend of mine, and was happy to so interest him in favor of our beloved Order that he consented to become an Odd-Fellow. After getting his earnest promise I settled the matter before returning here, by proposing him as a candidate, and so you will find his name on the next list sent to you. The pleasure I feel at having been able to cause the initiation of my St. Gall friend, and of my friend in Zurich, on this occasion, you may well imagine.

I request you to make a small present to any new Lodge or fund in America (which you may deem best) of that money ($1.75) due me from the R. W. Grand Lodge for expenses, etc., I had during this first half year in official business; it is rather a small amount, but it comes from the heart. Would you be so kind as to inform me what resolution has been taken in the matter of granting Helvetia Lodge, in Zurich, a charter? I wrote once about it, and enclose herewith the connecting incidents. I have also been requested by the Noble Grand of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, to grant dispensation that regalia can be worn at the dedication. I complied with that request, but we did not use the regalia during the festival.

In concluding, I would kindly request you to give my regards to the M. W. Grand Sire, to whom I shall write to-morrow, and to Bros.

MORSE and FARNSWORTH whenever you write them, and permit me to assure you once more that I will endeavor that my doings will testify my high appreciation of the very undeserved praise and confidence which the R. W. Grand Lodge has pleased to present to me.

With my best wishes for your well-being, and with my highest respect, believe me to remain, my dear sir and brother,

Ever yours, most fraternally, in F. L. and T.,

CHAS. HEINRICH, *D. D. G. S.*

P. S. I also acknowledge receipt of the very interesting copy of Grand Secretary and Grand Sire's report, which reached me this afternoon, and for which I thank you heartily. C. H.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, October 21, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire*
Jurisdiction of Prussia.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I write to-day as well to apologize for seeming delay in the transmission of the charter of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire as to apprise you that it is not being neglected or overlooked, but that on the contrary, it has had my constant attention. After extracting from the legislation had on the subject the detail of form prescribed, I placed the same in the hands of Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, with instructions to have it engrossed in type upon a Blank Diploma. This work, under his immediate supervision, was admirably done in the city of Washington. The question now arose as to the manner of attestation, the object being to conform to the propriety and precise fitness of things, and to the exact legal formula. Some interchange of opinions became necessary between the present and past Grand Sire. Without entering into any very special examination of the question, the M. W. Grand Sire, Bro. LOGAN, waiving all prerogative, determined to request Bro. STUART to sign the instrument as Grand Sire, date it of the day of its enactment, and to transmit the same for his signature as Deputy Grand Sire. This procedure involved some little time, which, together with the unavoidable detention in the engrossment at Washington, will explain what otherwise might be construed into a vexatious delay. The document is now on its way to the residence of the Grand Sire, at Leavenworth, State of Kansas. Its return, with his signature, will be accomplished in a few days, so that you will doubtless receive it in early November, securely packed in a tin case. In company with it I will transmit also copies of the new form of instituting a Grand Body, and of the opening and closing ceremony, which I have caused to be printed for the especial purpose.

Whilst writing, I beg to call your attention to the provision, page 39, daily Journal, relative to furnishing to "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," *when instituted*, a copy of the secret work and diagrams. First, I desire to know from you in what special way, if any, in your opinion, this work should be transmitted. Secondly, so soon as the appropriate time shall have transpired, to wit, "when the Grand Body is instituted," inform me to whom the same shall be sent, and the proper address. Third, communicate, also, whatever, if any, further needs you may have in the premises, that they may be opportunely supplied. I presume you will translate the Ritual for yourselves; in that contingency it would be well to keep in view the fact that a new form of Initiatory Charge Book will be issued with the new year, and that corresponding changes are being matured for the

five degrees, and for the Patriarchal branch. I regret that no legislation was had touching the present and immediate supply, which you may need before your translation and printing shall have been consummated, so that I could arrange with you satisfactorily for the cost, but as the need will probably be limited, the subject may stand over for future adjustment. Should you desire any books they will be furnished at the prices prescribed by law for our own jurisdictions, subject to any reduction which the Grand Lodge of the United States may make specially in your behalf. We shall doubtless at once translate the new Charge Book (initiatory) into German, and it may be advisable for you to defer your translation until that work appears, which will not be later than February 1, 1873.

Happy that I have had the opportunity of making your personal acquaintance, I look forward to still greater pleasure to flow out of our future official intercourse as co-laborers in the great cause of "Humanity." The promise of Odd-Fellowship in your country, when its surroundings are considered, is truly grand. In comparison with its birth and difficult early career, the contrast is overwhelming. To trace out the advantages which you possess over our fathers, and the facilities with which you are armed for the campaign, would be tedious as well as superogatory to one of your intelligence and sense of discrimination. I refrain, therefore, from comment in that direction, observing only, by the way, that the cause is exceedingly fortunate in the fact that you and your worthy Deputy Grand Sires are at the head. You are equally to be be envied for the *opportunity* you enjoy of building up a moral Empire, which will alike consecrate your names to everlasting fame, and scatter blessings upon thousands of your fellow beings. In conclusion, I regret to inform you that our dear Bro. KENNEDY's health languishes, and that we are not without great solicitude regarding it.

With all others of our brotherhood whose acquaintance you formed during the annual session, it goes well, as far as I know, and for myself I am thankful that a beneficient Providence still spares me for further labor.

Believe me to be, very truly yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, October 22, 1872.

C. HEINRICH, Esq., *D. D. Grand Sire for Republic of Switzerland.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In responding a few days since to your interesting letter, I lost sight of the correspondence between yourself and Helvetia Lodge, No. I, touching the wearing of Regalia on the occasion of the dedication of the new hall at Zurich, October 1, 1872. In consequence of this correspondence being in the German language, I was obliged to cause the letters to be translated, and thus, during that delay, overlooked the subject referred to. I now acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your letter to Helvetia Lodge, dated St. Gall, August 18, 1872; copy of the form of application for charter, and copy of letter written informally, I presume, as a reply of the Lodge.

The only points raised in the correspondence which it is proper for me to notice is, that the exercise of your prerogative in authorizing the Lodge to hold a public celebration in Regalia was perfectly legitimate and proper. Touching the subject of the charter for the Lodge, I have heretofore sought to explain that the warrant under which the Lodge was instituted becomes, under our laws, after confirmation by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the charter of the Lodge. Nevertheless, Grand Sire STUART, whilst in office, had determined to have prepared and issued to the Lodge a more imposing charter, which has recently been carried into effect and trans-

mitted to you, in the care of Bro. WOLLHEIM, in the same package which bears to him the charter for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. I am rejoiced to observe from this correspondence that the new hall has been completed in becoming style, and that so exceedingly hopeful and sanguine a spirit prevails in the Lodge. In the idea that your expectations of organizing Lodge No. 2, at St. Gall, will be soon realized, and with my best wishes for your health and prosperity, I remain,

Very truly yours,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, November 5, 1872.

CHARLES HEINRICH, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 17th ultimo is received. I learn with great pleasure that my two favors of the 12th of August and 24th September, together with printed copies of Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's report, had each reached you. I am also in receipt of newspapers containing detailed accounts of ceremony of installation or dedicating new hall of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, at Zurich, October 1, 1872, for which please have my sincere thanks. I had previously acknowledged the very kind and polite invitation tendered me to be present on that interesting occasion. I share with you in the gratification which you express at the initiation of your intelligent friend from St. Gall, in Helvetia Lodge, as with his aid your prospect of establishing a new Lodge at St. Gall may be much promoted. I also rejoice that the occasion of your celebration was productive of an increase of membership. Such fruits are to be expected in the natural order of events, and almost invariably follow public demonstrations of our Order. The acquisition of the United States Vice Counsel is also a source of gratification, and altogether the auspices under which you have placed the Order in Switzerland, by your earnest and zealous administration, is a very just subject of congratulation and of pleasure to your American bretheren. It is to be hoped that your friend from Stuttgart will also be influenced by your advice to become a member of the Order upon his return home. Upon the subject of a charter for Helvetia Lodge I have already fully advised the Lodge, in reply to an official communication from the Secretary. It is not our habit to issue any other form of charter than the original warrant or dispensation, which under our laws, when confirmed, becomes the charter. Sometimes when the Lodge or Encampment specially requests a formal document to be engrossed as an ornamental paper, to be suspended on the walls of the Lodge room, the Grand Officers subscribe the same, but it is not frequently done. Should Helvetia Lodge desire such a special warrant, I will have one prepared and sent out. To enable me to do this, it will be necessary for you to send me the original petitioners' names, the date of the warrant and the institution of the Lodge. These papers ought to be in this office, but have been mislaid I fear, if ever sent, as I cannot, after diligent search, lay my hands upon them. Touching the disposition of the amount due you by the Grand Lodge of the United States, $1.73, I shall have great pleasure in carrying out your wishes if you send me a formal order on the Grand Treasurer for the amount. I send to your address some official papers in a package sent to Bro. WOLLHEIM containing the charter for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which I have directed him to send to you at St. Gall.

Since writing the above we have found the papers transmitted by Dr. JOHN S. MORSE connected with the institution of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1,

and I have accordingly had a formal charter made out and signed by Grand Sire STUART, which is transmitted to Bro. WOLLHEIM for you in the case with the charter for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. With my sincere personal regards and earnest prayers for the success of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, I remain,

Very truly, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

HONOLULU, October 30, 1872.

J. L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of September 30, also report of proceedings of Grand Lodge, and allow me to thank you for your attention to us at the present time, as it shows that although we are a long way out in the Pacific, yet we are not forgotten.

I regret having put you to so much trouble in looking up our old charter of Polynesia Encampment, as I supposed I did what I *should* have done, returned the same when it was surrendered, and it was not until the receipt of your letter that I thought of looking into my safe, but when I did I found the charter sealed up and docketed, which I very much regret, as it will make us wait two months more before we can commence work. I now enclose it, and if it can be done, I would like a new one, as some of the persons whose names are on it, I am sorry to say, have been expelled from the Order and we would prefer to have the names of those who appear in the petition. And as some of the names are not properly spelt, as by the journal report, I append a memorandum of their correct names.

The Lodge has concluded to wait until we can hear from the Grand Lodge of California as to the question of jurisdiction. Seeing that we will have one charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and another from the Grand Lodge of California, we had better come under one jurisdiction and return to our parent body, and the petition will be forwarded as soon as it can be arranged so as not to give offence to the brethren in California.

I very much regret that the law in regard to color was not altered, as I am afraid it will be some time before we have enough Lodges to form a Grand Lodge.

We shall adopt the old by-laws and seal which we used in the old Camp, consequently, I suppose, we shall not be required to forward copies of the same.

The books we have will do, unless there has been some alterations, in which case please forward me new copies, and I will remit for the same.

I am extremely pleased that Bro. C. S. BARTOW has been appointed Deputy Grand Sire. His commission has not arrived, but I suppose it will next mail.

The brethren of Excelsior Lodge send kind and fraternal regards, and wish me to thank you in their name for the deep interest you take in their welfare, and to assure you that they shall always remember you with the kindest of feelings in attending to the interest of the "Lone Waif of the Pacific," as Grand Master HILL calls us in his report.

In conclusion, may the choicest blessings of Heaven be your portion, my dear brother, is the sincere wish of

Yours, fraternally,

W. C. PARKE, *P. D. G. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, November 29, 1872.

W. C. PARKE, *Past Deputy Grand Sire*
Jurisdiction of Sandwich Islands.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 30th ultimo has this day reached me; accompanying also I have original charter of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1. Under existing circumstances, the charter already issued, and doubtless now in your possession, endorsed as a duplicate of the original, must remain, having by authority of law all proper virtue, since it has been issued in the precise *form* indicated by law in case of a supposed loss or destruction of charter. The original having been since discovered does not impair its validity, but will be carefully preserved or returned to you, to be preserved as a memorial, if you desire it. I regret that the names of some of the petitioners are not properly spelled, but this you may remedy by a careful penman. I presume that Bro. CORNELIUS S. BARTOW, D. D. Grand Sire, has received his commission with the duplicate charter, and with the books on hand, in that event you will be ready to embark again upon your Patriarchal mission, and I wish this time with more prosperous winds. Recurring to your words about the qualification as to "color" in our constitution, I think it due to candor to say that I do not think there is much probability of change in that regard in our law. But as to foreign jurisdictions, as I have already advised you, the most liberal disposition exists, and in fact the precedent has been established in the case of Germanic Europe. In this country, as you know, there is no distinction as to the rights of citizenship on account of "caste or color;" all are equal before the law, and may enforce the right successfully. Nevertheless, voluntary association and social intercourse are regulated entirely by personal taste and inclination, so that to attempt to improve our Order in your community by removing the restriction would be to offer it up here, in a great degree, as a sacrifice. This, however, is only a mere private opinion, which may turn out to be without proper foundation, as very extraordinary revolutions have taken place in public opinion in this country upon very short notice. I think your remedy will be found in getting strong enough to establish a Grand Lodge, which we will rejoice to encourage and promote. Great changes have been made in the Initiatory Ritual, which are explained in the circular issued by me to Grand Masters, a copy of which I enclose. I shall always have pleasure in promoting the welfare of the "Lone Pacific Waif," and shall rejoice to be able, ere long, to hail your jurisdiction as no longer a subordinate, but as the first Grand Lodge of the ocean. With profound regards and earnest prayer for your individual prosperity and the good future of our Order in your midst,

Yours, truly,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, November 1, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Dr. JOHN F. MORSE directs me to remit to you first of exchange on Berlin for within amount. He will advise you of the disposition he wishes made of it.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, November 25, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

MY DEAR BROTHER: To-day I am advised by the Grand Sire, under date of November 19, that he has already dispatched his letter conveying your special commission to institute "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," the charter for which you have doubtless received. I have only time to say to you that I feel always, in the contemplation of the future of German Odd-Fellowship, a buoyant and elastic hope, which grows upon me in the contemplation until the ideal assumes in my highly wrought imagination proportions and outlines which disclose enough of prophecy to render me no insignificant seer. I have been for the last year or two in advance of many brothers, but I rejoice to know that at length they are conscious that our path has been well and wisely taken. Trusting that you may have the cordial co-operation of all your worthy coadjutors in this momentous enterprise, that concord, harmony and love may abound among you, so that all minor differences, if any, may disappear in the presence of the great issues at stake, and that you may come together as a band of brothers in a spirit of unity in the consummation of your sovereignty as an Order, I commend you and all engaged with you to the protection and help of Him through whose favors all the enterprises of men are encouraged and fulfilled.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, November 5, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM,
D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I herewith transmit, in tin case, charter of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which I trust will reach you in safety. You have doubtless been annoyed at the delay which has intervened since the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of the United States in this matter, but you may be assured that this office is in no way accountable. It has been my sincere desire to place you in possession of this document at the earliest possible moment; to which end it was prepared several weeks ago, and has ever since been passing through the mails back and forth for the proper signatures necessary to its authentication. It has just returned from Leavenworth, Kansas, and at once I send it on its way across the ocean to you. In connection with the document I also send a copy, in print, of the new form for the institution of Grand Bodies, adopted at the late session, which you will insert in your Grand Lodge Book at page 7 and immediately preceding the ceremony of installation. You will also find in the copy sent a form for opening and closing Grand Lodges. This book will aid you in the work of formally instituting "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire." I also enclose in the same tin case a few sheets of official paper and a formal charter for Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, at Zurich, which I desire you to cause to be forwarded to Bro. HEINRICH, D. D. Grand Sire, at St. Gall.

You will remember that the "Grand Lodge of the German Empire," when instituted, is entitled to a copy of the secret work. Will you take care that the will of your Grand Lodge in this regard be made known to me, in order that I may carry it into effect according to such instructions

as may be deemed advisable? The secret or unwritten work was greatly reduced by the legislation of the last session transferring to the printed book very considerable additional matter; hence it will now have to be rearranged. This will be done so soon as I am advised as to the special manner of transmitting the same to you. In January next we expect to issue the new form of Initiatory Charge Book, or Ritual. That work will greatly enlarge the information of the Lodges and convey much instruction to the officers which was heretofore unwritten. This book I will forward to such Lodges as may desire to possess it, and to that end shall be glad to receive your orders. Will forward a few copies for your preliminary examination. Be kind enough to communicate this fact to your associate D. D. Grand Sires.

With my best wishes for your health and prosperity, and for the success of the Grand Lodge,

I beg to remain, very truly, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, November 6, 1872.

C. S. BARTOW,
D. D. Grand Sire for Sandwich Islands.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Herewith I transmit duplicate charter of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu, together with the proper books. No form of organization is necessary further than an informal election of officers and their installation. The body at once resumes its functions as if it had never been suspended. In the hope that the package may reach you safely, and that you may have a prosperous career, I beg to remain,

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

My sincere personal regards to Bro. PARKE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, November 11, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM,
D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia.

MY DEAR BROTHER: In transmitting charter for Grand Lodge of the German Empire and accompanying papers, I erred in the communication made that *you*, ex-officio, as D. D. Grand Sire, was competent to institute the Lodge. That advice would have been correct as a general rule, but in this particular case the Grand Lodge of the United States has thought proper to prescribe specially that the M. W. Grand Sire shall "appoint some competent brother, residing in the German Empire, to install said Grand Lodge of the German Empire at Berlin, Prussia, in proper form, or in some other place in the German Empire." I take early occasion, therefore, to apprise you that the Grand Sire will transmit information in a few days of such special appointment.

This being done, every obstacle will then have been removed, and "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" may be formally organized and enter upon a career of usefulness which, from the happy auspices which surround its nativity, will render its advent into your country one of the most notable events of the age. These are broad words, and to many may be

words of presumption and emptiness, but they who read history correctly and digest its lessons wisely will weigh the prediction as one of just conclusion from the experience of the past.

I congratulate you and all our brethren, as well at home as in the Fatherland, upon the generous, nay magnanimous character of your charter, which in its freedom from constraints and the absolute trust which it reposes, is worthy the good cause and the splendid field of its administration.

Accept, my dear brother, the assurance of my sincere regards, and believe me to be, Truly yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR PRUSSIA,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Berlin, November 13, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore, Md.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge receipt of your official letter dated October 21, conveying the welcome intelligence that the charter granted at the late annual communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the institution in this city of a "Grand Lodge of the German Empire" had been made out in strict accordance with the legislation authorizing the same, as well as with the precise legal formula, and with existing usage, and that it was about to be forwarded and would probably reach here in the early part of the present month. I have delayed replying to your several important interrogatories until now, in the hope to be able to communicate at the same time the safe arrival and receipt of the charter and the other documents which your letter mentions as accompanying the same. I deem it prudent now, though I confidently expect the arrival of the precious "tin case" by one of the next steamer's mails, to proceed meanwhile to answering your questions.

First. "Which is the special way, if any, in which the copies of the secret work and of the diagrams should, in my opinion, be transmitted?" My suggestion is the following: "As soon as ready, send the secret work and the diagrams each separate, in a well-sealed package, by two successive Hamburg or Bremen steamers' mails to the address of the brother whom the M. W. Grand Sire may have designated to institute "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire," apprizing him of each shipment by the preceding English mail steamer, with instructions to deliver the package to the Grand Lodge after institution."

I would recommend, however, that the diagrams be not in regular succession as in the original, and not numbered, as I can arrange them here, and that the secret work be transcribed (if possible, in print) in accordance with the key which I agreed upon with Past Grand Sire STUART for communications of a secret character, and which I also propose to use hereafter in any communications to you of a similar character—of course writing in that case in very large legible characters.

The answer to the second inquiry, "to whom they shall be sent?" is contained in the foregoing.

To the third inquiry, touching "the further needs, if any, we may have in the premises, I shall frankly state to you "that we have a good many." I shall enumerate what is wanted, and would request that they be sent *immediately* and charged until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, when that R. W. Body might legislate upon the subject as it sees fit

Charge books, German, present edition, 12; Degree books, German, present edition, 13; Rebekah books, German, present edition, 12; Encampment books, German, present edition, 6; Cards, visiting, 200; Cards, withdrawal, 300; Digests, German, 12; Cushing's Manual, 12.

Before the new edition of Charge and Degree Encampment Books appear in German, I shall let you know how many we need of them. Our own translation and printing will be delayed until we have seen and examined the translation made in the United States. As soon as the new edition is ready in English, please send single copy of each kind as samples to me at once. Do not omit to see that I receive the A. T. P. W's in time.

And now, my dear brother, allow me, in conclusion, to do that which, by my hasty departure and by press of business and sickness in my family since my return, I have, until now, been prevented from doing, viz., to transmit to you, and through you to all the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, and the other distinguished brethren whom it was my good fortune to meet at the session, my sincerest thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown to me by all and each of them, and in the name of the whole brotherhood under my charge to acknowledge the consideration which they have shown to their Representative, and the fraternal care which they have evinced for their interests and for the German Mission generally. I assure you that we all feel the weight of the responsibilities involved in the important steps we are about to take, and that we shall endeavor to discharge our duties faithfully and to prove ourselves worthy of the high confidence placed in us; we shall scrupulously guard the interests of the Order confided to our care.

I beg to be kindly remembered to our good Bro. KENNEDY, whose health I sincerely hope may have improved, and I fervently pray that he and yourself may long be spared to witness the grand results of your glorious labors in behalf of our beloved Order and of "humanity."

Believe me, dear brother, yours, affectionately,

H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 5, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 13th ultimo is received. I regret that the Grand Charter has not yet reached you, but presume that since your writing it has had a safe delivery. I will now merely say that I have requested the Grand Sire to send you a commission as special deputy to institute the German Lodge, with power, in the event of the interference of such appointment with any personal position which your brethren may require you to occupy otherwise, for you to name some competent person in your stead. The Grand Sire will also transmit the A. P. W. to each of the deputies in Europe. I thank you for your special and succinct directions as to the manner of conveying the copy of the secret journal to be sent out, and also as to the manner of its transmission and to what address. These directions will be literally complied with I will at once send your letter to Bro. STUART, that he may fully comprehend the duty which he will have to perform, so that with as little delay as possible your Grand Lodge will be in possession of the work. Your order for supplies I will have filled and forwarded. Touching the new form of Initiatory Charge Book, I beg to say that the translation is now being made into German in Columbus, Ohio, by Rev. Bro. HEDDAEUS, Past Grand Chaplain, to be printed in New York. Copies of this work, as soon as printed, will be forwarded to you. Bro. KENNEDY's health is better.

And now, most cordially reciprocating your kind personal words, and commending our cause to God's favor, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

P. S. Our brothers with whom you met are all well; Bro. KENNEDY improving. J. L. R.

STUTTGART, November 23, 1872.

J. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am in possession of your letters of September 25 and October 30. Yesterday I returned from a most pleasant mission, the dedication of an Odd-Fellows' Hall, if I can call the small but handsomely furnished room at Munich (Bavaria) so. Six members of Wurttemberg, No. 1, four of Donau Lodge, No. 2, and five of Schiller Lodge, No. 3, fifteen in all, of my jurisdiction, travelled the long road to the above named city, at some expense and at a loss of time of four days, for the institution of Bavaria Lodge, No. 1. We were very cordially received, and as everything was prepared, I performed the work with dispatch. After the institution and installation of the officers we initiated six gentlemen in the forenoon and seven in the afternoon. The officers elected are M. Keil, Noble Grand; F. X. Bauer, formerly of Lodge No. 82, New York, Vice Grand; Sigmund Leipold, Secretary, and Carl Phillip, Treasurer. The officers and members of Nos. 1, 2 and 3, assisted me nobly in the work. Among the officers of the different Lodges present were Past Grand Schultess, Noble Grand Trick, Vice Grand Schattle, Secretary Kramer, and three brothers of No. 3, Secretary Roller, Warden P. Abele, three brothers and your humble servant of old No. 1.

On Monday, the 18th, we visited the city with its splendid monuments and churches, etc., and in the evening Bro. SCHATTLE and myself conferred on six brothers the first, second and third degrees, and on seven members fifth degree; so you see, dear brother, we worked hard. I am happy that we have gained a foothold in Munich, and I am not afraid of the future. I deferred, in respect, as you suggested, to the law of the land.

The members of Bavaria, No. 1, are a splendid set of gentlemen and are full of love for our good cause. The brother of the Noble Grand is, I believe, at present, Noble Grand of Harmonie Lodge, No. 13, in San Francisco, California.

On the 30th inst. we will (Wurttemberg, No. 1) celebrate our anniversary, and on the 29th of December both Lodges here have arranged a Christmas party, on which occasion we will clothe some twenty orphan children. With my best regards to you and the M. W. Grand Sire, I remain,

Yours truly, in F. L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM, *D. D. G. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, December 17, 1872.

M. BERNHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire Kingdom of Wurttemberg.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very welcome letter of 23d ultimo has this day reached me. I am highly gratified to learn that my letters of the 26th September and of October 30 had each arrived, and that you were well pleased to hear from your trans-atlantic kinsmen. Nothing could give us greater pleasure than the information which you communicate of having instituted Bavaria Lodge, No. 1, at Munich, Bavaria. This is decidedly an important acquisition, and you have earned the gratitude of the whole Order, together with your zealous brethren of Nos. 1, 2 and 3, who so efficiently co-operated with you. The personal sacrifice of time and business interests which you were required to make in this important work I trust will be amply compensated in the good fruits which your labors will produce in that Kingdom. I have taken occasion to send your interesting description of the circumstances attending the institution of the Lodge and the installation of the officers to the press, that it may be

disseminated throughout the brotherhood in this country. I regret very much to hear what you remark touching the place of the institution of "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire." There can be no possible objection to the place of "institution," so that it is conveniently accessible to all parties interested. When instituted, the Grand Body is perfectly competent to take the proper measures to regulate its future meetings, after the practice of the Grand Lodge of the United States. I hope, therefore, that harmony will prevail in your organization, especially that in view of the magnitude of the interests involved no such comparatively trivial obstacle will be allowed to put hindrances in the way of your broad spirit of fraternity. We are looking on here with intense interest upon this organization, hoping and praying that it may be a success, and that the whole German heart may beat in unison in its accomplishment as if moved by a single devotion to our beloved cause. The splendid prosperity which prevails in the Lodges in Stuttgart is a high compliment to your administration, and I beg to suggest that you have it in your power to contribute much influence to the promotion of harmony and concord among the different Germanic jurisdictions, and I shall confidently look to you and Bro. SCHATTLE for good service in arranging the establishment of your Grand Lodge. With sincere regards to you and our zealous brothers, I remain,

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

Will send revised Journal to you in a few days.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE D. D. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

November 26, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *R. W. Cor. and Rec. Sec'y Grand Lodge United States.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favors of the 5th and 26th October were duly received. The supplies mentioned in your first have also come to hand, and I now enclose you the amount of the bill rendered, thirty dollars and forty cents. Your reply in regard to the new Lodge has given much pleasure, and the advice given will not be lost. I think that we all feel the great confidence which the R. W. Grand Lodge imposes upon us by conferring a charter with the most liberal grants, to our care, and I sincerely hope that the future will prove that we have well understood the responsibility thus incurred. Permit me also to thank you for the kind information, in reply to certain questions, which your last letter contained. It was acted upon immediately. The Digests which you kindly ordered from LILLY & Co. were received. Both Lodges are doing well. I take this opportunity to express to you the deepest respect and sincere regard of the brothers of both Lodges, as well as of myself, and remain as ever, Yours sincerely, in F. L. and T.,

O. ARNOUX, *D. D. G. S.*

Please send two copies of United States Grand Lodge reports for 1872, for two Lodges.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, December 17, 1872.

O. ARNOUX, *D. D. Grand Sire for Kingdom of Saxony.*

MY DEAR BROTHER: Yours of 26th November, with its contents, thirty dollars and forty cents, United States currency, is this day received, in full of bill rendered for supplies. I am extremely happy to hear that my fra-

ternal advice touching the proper harmony between your two sister Lodges has not fallen upon unwilling minds and hearts, but like tiny seed cast upon a willing furrow, has fructified, and is destined to produce the desired good. Rely upon it, my brother, we must act out in good faith the divine principles of our Order if we would hope to prosper. Under their auspice we deserve success, and may reasonably challenge it. I have dispatched, more than a month ago, the Grand Charter for Germanic Europe, and have been awaiting anxiously to learn what has been done by our brethren with this interesting subject. Every mail which reaches us continues to disappoint the earnest expectation. There is doubtless good reasons for the delay, growing out of the necessity of arranging preliminaries, and of harmonizing persons and feelings. I am glad the Digests have reached you safely, and I sincerely hope that the translation will prove satisfactory. We appreciate this work, as it is, in our language, a great acquisition, and, in fact, is indispensable to a successful administration of office by any officer who feels the proper responsibility of his position. In concluding this letter, allow me to reciprocate most cordially your kind personal words, and to assure you of our continued profound interest in the welfare of the Order in Germany. Address me, on all occasions, with perfect freedom whenever you desire any information within my power to give. It will always be my highest pleasure to respond with promptitude and in detail.

I remain, in the bonds of our beloved Order,

Your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

BERLIN, December 3, 1872.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Since writing to you on the 12th ultimo, I received your several favors dated November 6, (with draft for eleven hundred and eighty-six and seven and a half thalers from Bro. MORSE,) November 5, (advice of tin can containing charter, &c.,) and November 11.

I endeavored, when in Baltimore, to persuade Bro. MORSE not to carry his magnanimous purposes to such an extent as to deprive himself, but it seems in vain; his noble soul would have it so. It now remains for me only to follow his instructions in regard to the distribution; these instructions have not been received as yet. When distributed, the recipients will make proper acknowledgment to Bro. MORSE direct. I am happy to announce the safe arrival and receipt of the famous tin case, with the beautifully executed charters for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire and for Helvetia Lodge, No. 1; the latter, together with the sheets of official paper, has been promptly transmitted to Bro. HEINRICH. The form for instituting, &c., will be used as directed. All necessary arrangements are now being perfected to have the institution come off some time before January 1st. The place is not positively fixed yet, but it is likely to be either Frankfort-on-the-Main or Dresden. As soon as the R. W. Grand Sire's appointment is received the final steps will be taken. Your letter of December 11 did not come unexpectedly, for I had my doubts on receipt of yours of November 5, whether, under the legislation had on the subject, *I* was the proper person to institute ex-officio, and I should therefore not have done so without waiting further developments. There are a good many technical difficulties yet to overcome before the institution, but ere another month has gone by "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" will be an accomplished fact. Of the institution of Leiburg Lodge, No. 7, of Prussia, at Hanover, November 17, you will no doubt have read full particulars in the last number of "Herz and Hand" ere this reaches you, and I know you will pardon me, as well as the Grand Sire, that I have not sent

official reports immediately after the institution, when I tell you that I have had a child sick with typhoid fever. Of the institution, also, on November 17, at Munich, of Bavaria, you have no doubt received full reports from Bro. BERNHEIM, who, from the fact of being a bachelor, and not in business, has a decided advantage over me, as far as time is concerned. You see we are not idle, and the good work still progresses. I suppose the dispensations for the two new Lodges will come before the new Grand Lodge for confirmation immediately after its institution.

In regard to secret work, or diagram copies, and to the books, &c., wanted, I confirm my previous suggestions and requests. I shall not fail to report after the institution of the Grand Lodge. With kindest regards to yourself, and to Grand Sire LOGAN, Past Grand Sires STUART and KENNEDY, I remain, dear sir and brother, yours fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

BERLIN, December 5, 1872.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Referring to my letter of 3d inst. I write today to apologize for an omission in the same. In speaking of our institutions I overlooked to mention the institution of Victoria Encampment, No. 2, in this city, particulars of which you will also find in the last number of Herz and Hand, and the dispensation for which I suppose will come for confirmation before the Grand Lodge of the German Empire also. Considering that as the charter for the latter places the Encampments under its jurisdiction, the possession of the royal purple degree and active membership and good standing in a Subordinate Encampment are indispensable for members of the Grand Lodge. I wrote to the D. D. Grand Sires of Wurttemberg and Saxony, calling their attention to that fact, and recommending the institution of Subordinate Encampments in each of these districts without delay. Bro. BERNHEIM is competent to do so, (I believe he is Past High Priest,) and in Saxony Bro. OSTHEIM, who is here at present, and will be in Dresden shortly, will institute if Bro. ARNOUX is satisfied. The form of institution for the Grand Lodge which I have is calculated for a State Grand Lodge, and will of course have to be varied (especially the names of officers) to suit our case. No letters received yet either from the Grand Sire or Bro. MORSE. In great haste,

Yours most fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 31, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your two interesting favors of 3d and 5th instants are received; my apparent delay in replying you will excuse, from the fact that a consultation with the Grand Sire became necessary prior to a satisfactory response. I am gratified to learn that you have received the funds remitted by me at the instance of Bro. MORSE (eleven hundred and eighty-six and seven and a half thalers) and only awaited his special instructions to make proper distribution of the same. I agree with you in characterizing this act on his part as one of great magnanimity, and I am not at all surprised that you failed in diverting him from a purpose so much

in sympathy with his generous nature and high sense of personal honor. I am equally pleased to hear that the Grand Charter has arrived out safely, and also the formal charter for Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, of Switzerland. I shall now anxiously await intelligence of the formal institution of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, since every cause of hindrance or further postponement is doubtless removed ere this. The special commission from the Grand Sire to you has been forwarded some two or three weeks since, and I sincerely trust it has not miscarried. Thus your expectation of being able to consummate this important work, at an early day, promises fulfilment, when our hearts will be full of joy. The M. W. Grand Sire directs me to express to you his sincere gratification at your official report of the institution of Leiburg, No. 7, at Hanover, and to present to you his congratulations at the auspicious promise which is about to crown your earnest and persistent labors in our good cause. We have been advised by that very attentive and zealous officer, D. D. Grand Sire BERNHEIM, of the continued onward progress in his jurisdiction, especially also of his long trip to Munich, Bavaria, to institute No. 1 of that jurisdiction. I am quite glad to hear from you of his decided advantage over you, in the fact that being a bachelor his leisure and opportunity is in that respect less constrained than yours; whatever may be the fact as to the relative advantage or disadvantage in this particular case, it is well that "good comes out of Nazareth," if indeed bachelorism be subject to such an imputation. Touching the secret work and diagrams for your Grand Lodge, Bro. STUART is somewhat embarrassed. He is apprehensive that your alphabet is too simple and easy of solution, and hence fears discovery and exposure. I have suggested as a means of security that there be no continuity of paging, and that the manuscript be sent in detached parts and in distinct and separate parcels. The diagrams will not be so easily managed, yet by having them isolated from all connections and entirely abstracted, it appears to me that nothing could be made of them. These documents are, however, now being prepared after your suggestion, and will be forwarded as you direct.

Your idea touching the necessary qualifications for membership in the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, in view of the combined jurisdictions vested in that body over the Patriarchal and subordinate work, strikes me as sound and inevitable, and you have been wise in advising the several D. D. Grand Sires of the co-ordinate jurisdictions that there may be no misunderstanding or disappointment. There will be no difficulty in the way of meeting this requisition, since there is alike abundant power and material out of which to form an Encampment in each Kingdom. I observe that you have formed another Encampment in Berlin, I presume in anticipation of the organization of the Grand Lodge. All the subordinate bodies now being instituted, you will, of course, confirm when properly under way. And now, having nothing further to say than to tender to you and all our brethren of the new jurisdiction our earnest wishes for a happy and harmonious organization, and our sincere prayers for a prosperous career in the great field which you are about to occupy, I beg to remain now, as ever,

Yours, respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I had nearly forgotten to say that the new Charge Book has been sent out to you, and also the revised Journal, which you will, I hope, receive at an early moment. The German edition, when ready, will also be sent. Copies of the revised Journal have also been sent to each of the D. Grand Sires by mail, and the proper quota for the Lodges will go by express at once. Your friends here, I am happy to say, are all well, including Bros. MORSE and KENNEDY, and Grand Sire LOGAN is awaiting with great interest your grand consummation.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 4, 1872.

E. ALTENHOFFER,
Acting D. D. Grand Sire for Republic of Switzerland.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours conveying the formal official report of the institution of Pestalozzi Lodge, No. 2, at Baden, Republic of Switzerland, is received, on which event I beg to offer to you and the brethren in the jurisdiction my cordial gratulations. This is written that you may be apprized of the safe arrival of your letter, and to inform you that immediate steps will be taken to carry into effect the several wishes conveyed therein.

The supplies ordered and the formal charter you write for will be transmitted so soon as the latter can be prepared and properly attested. This will involve some delay, inasmuch as the charter will have to be sent to the residence of the Grand Sire in Kansas for his signature. So soon as this is accomplished, I shall take pleasure in transmitting the parcel to you. I have at once placed the matter in proper hands with directions to have the charter handsomely engrossed. I beg to advise you that all is prosperous with us in this jurisdiction, and that we are looking forward earnestly to your success, of which we have the most sanguine anticipations.

With the highest respect and in the bonds of our beloved Order,

I remain yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 12, 1872.

ED. ALTENHOFFER,
Acting D. D. Grand Sire.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: On the 4th day of this month I had the honor and the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt from you, acting as D. D. Grand Sire for Switzerland, of the formal petition of Pestalozzi Lodge, No. 2, of your jurisdiction, for an engrossed charter and for supplies. I then advised you that all your wishes would be promptly complied with, delayed only by unavoidable necessity.

I now inform you that the supplies have gone forward to your address, and that the charter is already awaiting the signature of the Grand Sire, whose presence in this city I am daily expecting. You may expect the document very shortly. Again felicitating you upon your success,

I remain, yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 12, 1872.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *D. D. Grand Sire:*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I transmitted on yesterday all the supplies ordered by your last favor, and am advised by Messrs. LILLY & Co., of the "Companion," that at my request they have also sent the copies of the German Digest. Thus you will soon be in possession of the "aid and comfort" desired to enable your Grand Lodge to administer its high trust intelligently as well as efficiently. In a few days I shall also be able to transmit to you your quotas of the revised Journal of the last session, the

last sheets of which are now rapidly passing through the press. This work will perpetuate to our posterity the entire detail of labor, trial and success of what we call the "German Mission," but what with greater propriety, I think, might be called the "Morse Mission to Germanic Europe" and its splendid rewards. Would that this mission could have had one year more of his undisturbed and active effort. In such event, yours, I flatter myself, would not now be the only Grand Lodge of Odd-Fellows in Europe. Well enough, perhaps, as it is, since your field is now of wider and ampler scope.

I shall also be ready to send you the new form of Ritual Initiatory, I hope at the same time, in English, and probably in German, which is now being translated.

Enclosed I send bill for supplies, which I do for the reason that it appears to be my duty to make the charge in the absence of any legislation to the contrary. I do not suppose that the Grand Lodge of the United States will expect any greater price for supplies sent to "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" than the cost of the same. Such was the arrangement with the "Grand Lodge of British America" during its existence. This will, however, be the subject of future adjustment.

Your friends are all well, including Dr. MORSE and Bro. KENNEDY, the latter rapidly convalescing, as I learn from himself.

With sincere personal esteem, and my earnest prayer for the prosperity of our beloved Order in Germany,

I remain, affectionately yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

BERLIN, January 9, 1873.

JAS. L. RIDGELY,
R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary,
Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In a letter replying to an inquiry from Past Grand Sire F. D. STUART, I requested him to inform you that your several favors (including the date of December 3) had been received and your suggestions would be followed. I also sent a communication, in cypher, asking that its purport be communicated to you. The Grand Lodge of the German Empire has been safely and auspiciously instituted in due form, and the beneficial results of this consummation are already beginning to show themselves in a good many ways, thus fully realizing your prophecy of some time ago, "That as long as we were without a Grand Lodge of our own you would constantly feel that we were surrounded by dangers; when once that point was reached all difficulties would vanish."

I confine myself to-day to enclosing press copy of my special report to Grand Sire LOGAN, and to referring to the last number of "Herz and Hand" (a copy of which was mailed to your address) containing a synopsis of the institution and session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. The revised proceedings are now being prepared for print and distribution, and will be sent to you and others in due time.

As I presume that you will soon be in possession of my original report to the Grand Sire, I would request that, after perusal of the enclosed press copy, it be sent to Bro. MORSE, to whom I shall write explicitly as soon as the various acknowledgments, &c., from the bodies and persons who were the recipients of his magnanimous gifts are ordered and ready for transmission.

For your promptness in supplying our wants in materials please receive my sincere thanks; they will, no doubt, arrive shortly. The bill will be placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of the United States to abide its action on this subject at the next annual communication.

I suppose it is needless to ask you to inform our good Bro. KENNEDY, of whose recovery I was happy to hear from you, of all that has transpired. Please remember me kindly to him and to all the other eminent brethren with whom you communicate, and believe me, dear sir and brother,

Yours, most fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

P. S. I shall shortly make an effort to obtain an act of incorporation for our Grand Lodge, though it is by no means an easy task. The next movement will be the erection of an Odd-Fellows' Hall in this city, which shall give to the public unmistakable evidence of our progress. H. W

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, February 14, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grand Sire*
Grand Lodge German Empire, I. O. O. F.

MY VERY DEAR BROTHER: I cannot tell you how glad I was to learn that the institution of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire was "*un fait accomplis*;" that you had in person achieved the grand consummation, every obstacle and hindrance disappearing under the inspiring influence of the all-pervading love which seems to have animated all hearts. Your official communication to the Grand Sire confirmed satisfactorily the newspaper accounts, and we now are free from all doubt as to the fact that the noble ship is fairly launched upon the ocean under splendid auspices, and our hopes are correspondingly buoyant and sanguine. May a good Providence have her destiny under His especial care, and guide her mission through friendly seas and under prosperous winds. I beg to congratulate the brethren at large, and especially the Grand Representatives and yourself, upon the result of the election for Grand Officers. A just appreciation of the distinguished services rendered by the selected officers, and of their eminent ability to administer the new government, has prevailed over all other considerations, which, besides its intrinsic propriety and fitness, is an unmistakable evidence of the paramount love for Odd-Fellowship which controlled the suffrage. Your personal friends here have been highly gratified at the result, and have no fear of your ability to measure fully up to the responsibilities of your exalted position. The honor is worthy of the highest ambition, and I am persuaded that you will not only wear it worthily, but that in the distant future, when Germanic Europe shall have been covered all over with Odd-Fellows' Lodges, and every town, village and hamlet in the Fatherland shall rejoice in the happy influences which will flow from these pure moral sources, that your name and character will be pronounced with benedictions by thousands, and your memory revered as a benefactor of the human race. These results are as certain (however some may regard them as ideal) as any other natural effect from a rational and reliable cause. We need not go beyond our own experience for example, and you may imitate that example with much better augury of success, since your inauguration and pathway is far more cheering and inviting than was that of our forefathers. I wish you may be successful as well in obtaining an act of incorporation as in the building of an Odd-Fellows' Hall; the two are inseparable, and supply reciprocal aliment. The latter will be the touchstone to your rapid prosperity. I speak from experience, and most earnestly press the subject upon your attention. I requested Bro. MEDOLE to transmit to you a copy of the new Initiatory Charge Book, which you will find a great step of progress. It leaves but little of secret work in that department, and will thus adapt itself to the capacity of the average mind of Noble Grands. We shall fol-

low this up in the degree work, and in the Patriarchal order, and ultimately, I hope, leave nothing positively secret except the manipulatory work, tokens and explanations. The German edition, which, of course, you will especially need, is not yet ready, the translation not having been completed. It was my purpose to print an edition of the old book, with the new matter superadded, and, in fact, we had translated the new matter to that end, when there came up from the membership an earnest appeal for a translation of the entire work. The Printing Committee were powerless upon the subject, in view of the absence of any appropriation to pay for it, and the evident unwillingness of the Grand Lodge of the United States to venture upon a translation in this country. In this dilemma the brethren in Ohio volunteered to meet the pecuniary responsibility, and the Printing Committee acquiesced in the request. The new Charge Book was accordingly placed in the hands of Bro. HEDDAEUS, R. W. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for translation into the German language. This work, I am assured by Bro. LINDENBERG, is nearly completed. The manuscript will be sent to press, in New York, as soon as received. I regret that no opportunity exists for our interchange of proof sheets, so that we might have the advantage of your co-operation. Such a delay is impossible, since the German Lodges are justly restless and impatient for the work which their American brothers have already in use. I will cause a copy to be sent to you for each of the Lodges in your jurisdiction, and one copy for each Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Republic of Switzerland, as soon as it is out of press. I passed several days in New York during the current week on committee business, and had great pleasure in presenting to Bro. KENNEDY your kind regards. I am glad to say that his health is greatly improved and apparently re-established. He desires to be affectionately remembered to you, and adds his sincere prayer for your successful administration. The M. W. Grand Sire tenders his congratulations upon your noble work, and begs to be especially commended to your kind consideration. Bro. STUART has at length concluded the secret work, and at my suggestion consents to send it in plain English, in detached sheets, writing out only in cypher the words which supply the key to the text. With my earnest wishes for the preservation of your life, and the entire success of your arduous labors, I beg to be,

Your sincere friend and brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Of the R. W. G. L. of the State of California,

Honolulu, December 17, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

R. W. Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge the receipt of your communication of November 6th, and also duplicate charter empowering us to revive Polynesia Encampment, which I shall do as soon as possible. I regret the trouble you were caused by the mistake of Bro. PARKE in thinking he had forwarded the old charter. It was safely found in the chest in our Lodge room, and has been forwarded to you. I have not found a package of books which you write were forwarded. The names of all the brethren (with two exceptions) were misspelt or rather misprinted, even my own name is "Barlow." Excelsior Lodge desires to come entirely under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and I have written to that effect to the Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California. At a meeting of Excelsior Lodge, held on the 10th, I was requested to forward you the following resolution: "That the D. D. Grand Master

for this district be respectfully requested to communicate, at his earliest opportunity, with the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, expressing the satisfaction of the Lodge in regard to the legislation of that Grand Body at its last session in regard to jurisdiction over subordinates. That we earnestly wish to be again taken under the kind and parental care of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States." I wrote by this mail to Bro. JOHNSON that we would make our returns to the end of this term to the Grand Lodge of California, and from that time to the Grand Lodge of the United States, (according to the desires of the members of Excelsior Lodge.) If this accords with your views you will please forward us P. W., Journal, and such instruction as in your wisdom you may deem necessary. I have also returned the charter of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California. I received a commission by last mail appointing me as D. D. Grand Sire, expiring on the 1st of January, 1873. Such an appointment, from such a body as the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, is an honor conferred upon any person receiving it, but I have had a similar position for a number of years and had intended to have declined a reappointment. I think the interest of the Lodge would be enhanced by appointing some other Past Grand, and I do not know of any person who would be more acceptable than Past Grand Secretary WM. C. PARKE, and I would respectfully suggest his appointment. I see that Excelsior Lodge, while holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, could still, to a certain extent, be subordinate to the Grand Lodge of California. If not trespassing too much upon your time, I would like to inquire what such jurisdiction consists of as affecting such subordinate. Does the subordinate so situated report to, and is the Lodge represented at the Grand Lodge from whence they receive their charter or otherwise?

I remain, fraternally yours,

C. S. BARTOW.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, January 11, 1873.

C. S. BARTOW, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of December 17, 1872, is received. I regret exceedingly the misprint of the names of several of the charter members of Polynesia Encampment sent out to you, and which you have received. It is difficult often to correctly decipher the handwriting of some persons, especially in names, which from force of habit are generally much cramped or constrained, the letters being badly described. In your case, upon examining the signature, I confess that "Barlow" is the more natural representation in the chirography than "Bartow." In the revised Journal we have printed it "Barlon," so we are in error all around. Please correct these orthographical errors in the charter. I acknowledge the receipt of the resolution of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, to return to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and will endeavor to afford the Lodge and the Encampment prompt and full intelligence and counsel in reference to the general welfare, and especially for the promotion of its local advantage. I shall accordingly forward you herewith A. T. P. W. and revised Journal of Grand Lodge of the United States of last session; will also send blank forms for annual returns for the current year, which will embrace the calendar year of 1873, beginning with January 1 and terminating with December 31, 1873. I have sent you a commission as D. D. Grand Sire for 1873, which you have, it appears, not yet received. Should you persist in your desire to resign the position, you will return the said commission with a formal letter of resignation, accompanied with a recommendation from the Lodge and Encampment of your successor.

I trust, however, you will consent to remain in office for the present year to avoid the delay incident to changes in administration. However, this question you will decide for yourself, having before you all proper light and experience. Your course of procedure in informing the Grand Lodge of California of your action was considerate and respectful, and will doubtless meet with a proper recognition. The question you ask as to what the character of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California would be over Excelsior Lodge, if the Lodge should remain as formerly under such jurisdiction, is fully answered by the report of the Legislative Committee, pages 5490, 5540, revised Journal, which doubtless you will have received ere this reaches you. I do not deem it therefore necessary to say anything further on that subject. For and during such status, which would at all times be subject to be terminated by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the subordinate would of course report to the Grand Lodge of California and be subject to its supervision and government. However, having now elected to return to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that Grand Body having resumed its jurisdiction, it is not competent for you to return to the Grand Lodge of California except in pursuance of new legislation authorizing the same. Henceforth your reports will be made, as I have already remarked, to this Grand Body, once a year, embracing the calendar year, to be rendered as early after December 31st as practicable, and before April 1st of the ensuing year. At any time, and at all times, however, we shall rejoice to hear from you, and shall be prompt in supplying your every need. The Grand Messenger, or rather the Assistant to the Grand Secretary, Bro. CHAMBERLAIN, has just informed me that the Grand Sire has already transmitted the A. T. P. W. to you, and that the revised Journal has likewise been sent. In the hope that these will safely reach you, I rest till further advice. Should any miscarriage, however, transpire, I will promptly duplicate the information. With my profound regard for Bro. PARKE, I remain,

Very truly, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

You can send to us, if convenient, a duplicate of the statistical report you made to California for the past year ending December 31, 1872, as it would be of service in making up my annual table for the next session.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Of the R. W. G. L. of the State of California,

Honolulu, January 14, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *R. W. Grand Secretary*
of R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Under date of September I wrote you that the names of most of the brethren, signers of petition for a charter, were in said charter misspelt. We would be much gratified to have this corrected, if not causing you too much trouble, by forwarding another copy of charter, which, when received by us we will destroy former one or forward to you as directed. Immediately upon receiving the charter I called a meeting of the brethren and organized. On the 3d of January I installed the officers of Polynesia Encampment. On the 10th we held a meeting and obligated a few members of Excelsior Lodge in the Golden Rule degree and then conferred the degree, our Chief Patriarch elect, Past Grand D. W. FLITNER, delivering the charges entirely from memory and effectively. We have commenced favorably, and I believe the Camp will now prosper.

The other officers elect are Charles R. Bishop, High Priest; M. Raplee, Senior Warden; George Williams, Junior Warden; John S. Smithies, Scribe. I enclose the names of signers to petition printed. We will require a P. W. from the Grand Lodge of the United States, as Excelsior Lodge has voted to return under that jurisdiction.

Fraternally yours,

C. S. BARTOW.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, March 4, 1873.

C. S. BARTOW,
D. D. Grand Sire Jurisdiction of Sandwich Islands.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I reply to yours of 4th January, 1873, that in a few days I will have a duplicate of the charter of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, prepared in conformity to the printed list of names supplied, and have the same forwarded to you; when received you will destroy the former document. I was happy to hear of your having organized Polynesia Encampment under prosperous auspices, and congratulate you upon the return of the jurisdiction to the Grand Lodge of the United States. I hope hereafter that our relations will be closer and more profitable to the Order in the Sandwich Islands. The Grand Sire transmitted to you the A. T. P. W. This is the only P. W. we supply. The semi-annual P. W., or the current term P. W., is made by the D. D. Grand Sire. You have nothing more to receive from the Grand Lodge of California except fraternal counsel and encouragement, which I am sure the officers will gladly supply. In all respects you are now under this immediate jurisdiction, from which you may expect at all times prompt and thorough moral aid and comfort, and their most earnest solicitude for your welfare.

I am, very truly and fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

Report of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, 31st December, 1870, received.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, March 13, 1873.

C. S. BARTOW, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the honor to inform you that on yesterday, 13th March, I caused to be expressed to your address a corrected duplicate of charter of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, which I trust will reach you in safety during the next month. Hoping that this instrument may be acceptable and free from defect, and with my earnest prayer for the prosperity of the Encampment as an integral member of our great family,

I remain, very truly, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)

OFFICE DEPUTY GRAND SIRE OF R. W. G. L. G. E.,

Stuttgart, January 23, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Corresponding Secretary R. W. G. L. U. S.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Pardon me for not answering your kind letter of December 17. I was of late overwhelmed with business, and only yesterday could get in the last report of the Lodges. I feel it my duty to

send to you the final report of the different Lodges under my former jurisdiction, and at the same time tender my sincere thanks to you and the Grand Lodge of the United States for the confidence you reposed in me and the indulgence you always showed to me. The result of our work at Frankfort you will have received before my letter reaches you, and Bro. WOLLHEIM will keep you, no doubt, posted of all our doings. I acknowledge the receipt of two letters in the month of December from the Grand Sire, C. A. LOGAN, one containing the key to the A. T. P. W. and the second with the different P. W's., which please be kind enough to let the Grand Sire know in your next letter to him.

On the 22d day of December I conferred the Encampment degrees on nineteen members of Wurttemberg and Schiller Lodges, and I instituted on the same day Uhland Lodge, No. 1, in Stuttgart. The days of meeting will be the first and third Tuesday every month, and we have to-day a splendid Encampment of forty members. The hundred thalers which our beloved Bro. MORSE sent us gave us a good start. Enclosed you will find a copy of our seal. Although I have no more officially to correspond with you, I will take the liberty to write from time to time a letter if you wish me to do so.

Hoping this year will be as prosperous to our beloved Order as the past one, I remain, Yours, in F. L. and T.,

M. BERNHEIM,
Deputy Grand Sire G. L. G. E.

P. S. Last week Socrates Lodge, No. .., in Berlin, was instituted, and there is a good prospect for a Lodge at no distant day in Nurnberg and Augsburg, both principal cities in Kingdom of Bavaria.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, February 13, 1873.

M. BERNHEIM, *R. W. Deputy Grand Sire*
Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I. O. O. F.

MY VERY DEAR BROTHER: Your interesting letter of 28th ultimo has this moment reached me. Accompanying I have also the final reports of the several Lodges in the jurisdiction of Wurttemberg, each in proper form. Although your relation as an officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States with this department is now at an end, and your new duties are to be rendered to a different Grand Body, yet we remain members of the same great fraternity, animated with the same humanity, and bound together by a common tie, "to war against vice in all its forms." Let us then, my brother, continue to cherish for our beloved Order, and for each other, the same affection as if we had continued in the same jurisdiction. On my part, I promise, at all times, to be ready to contribute every thing in my power to keep up a correspondence with your elective officers, and thus to promote the mutual welfare of our Order in both continents. It will be almost impossible to estimate how much interest and advantage will result from an interchange also of our periodicals, which I trust will be earnestly encouraged. You may at all times command my services in any way in which you can use them, and I shall be too happy to know that I can in any way be useful in promoting the prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in the Fatherland. We are highly gratified at the successful inauguration of your Grand Lodge, and at the choice which has been made of Grand Officers. Under the lead of such men there can be no doubt of the success of your efforts. Wishing you perfect harmony and unity, and a fearless heart in the good cause, I remain, very truly, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY *C. S.*

AREQUIPA, February 1, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The commission appointing me District Deputy for Peru, and accompanying blanks for report of Lodge, are at hand. The blank reports I have forwarded to Bro. HURWITZ, in Lima, and requested him, upon their being properly filled out, to forward to you. The report will give you full particulars of progress of Lodge. Not long since I wrote a letter to you, giving at length my ideas of the progress of the Order in Peru, and which it is scarcely necessary for me to repeat; also suggesting the appointment of Bro. HURWITZ as District Deputy and giving my reasons. However, whether as District Deputy, or only as a member, I shall take pleasure in using my best endeavors to obey your orders and further the interests of the Order.

Since writing, one of my little boys died, (on the 9th ultimo,) and Mrs. Pascoe has been very sick; thought at one time I should lose her, too. With so much sickness as we have had in the family, and death besides, I may be excusable for a desire to get back to the States.

With earnest wishes for your individual health and prosperity, and the good of our beloved Order at large, I remain,

Yours very respectfully and fraternally,

JAMES PASCOE.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, March 13, 1873.

JAMES PASCOE, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of February 1 is received. Allow me to express my sincere sorrow for your domestic affliction, and an earnest hope that Mrs. Pascoe will be entirely restored to health.

I regret also that circumstances may render it necessary for you to return to the United States, in view of the loss which Odd-Fellowship will thereby so seriously incur. Your suggestion that Bro. HURWITZ should be appointed D. D. Grand Sire has been considered by the Grand Sire, and will be promptly carried into effect if your absence from that field of labor should be unavoidable; otherwise, he begs to ask your continuance in the position. Independently of the general impropriety of changing public officials who are eminently qualified for their position, there are urgent special objections to a change, growing out of the positive and earnest desire of Bro. HURWITZ that you should continue in the position so long as you are domiciled in that country. We trust, therefore, that you will not, unless compelled to do so, discontinue your valuable service to the Order in that distant region.

In so far as we are concerned, we shall always take pleasure in active co-operation with you by every means at our disposal. We shall send you all supplies needed promptly, upon being advised by you, and also all official documents and papers usually transmitted to subordinates under this immediate jurisdiction. Wishing you great success in your work, and with a sincere desire for your individual health and happiness, and for the health and happiness of your family, I remain,

Very truly, your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

UNITED STATES LEGATION,
Berne, February 1, 1873.

C. A. LOGAN, *M. W. Grand Sire*
Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F., Baltimore, Md.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith at request of Bro. E. ALTENHOFFER, acting D. D. Grand Sire, a petition for a charter for Fellenberg Lodge, No. 3, in Berne, Switzerland. The petitioners, and the undersigned, are members of Pestalozzi Lodge, No. 2, at Baden, Switzerland, and submit this petition most respectfully to your early consideration.

I am, sir, with great respect,
Your obedient servant,
R. ASCHMANN, A. M.
U. S. Legation.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, February 25, 1873.

E. ALTENHOFFER, *Past Grand.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of January 31st, with accompanying application for charter for Fellenberg Lodge, No. 3, at Berne, Switzerland, is received. By direction of the Grand Sire I herewith transmit the charter with the date in blank, for the reason that I am not informed whether the Lodge was instituted on the 29th, 30th or 31st January. The proper date you will therefore be good enough to supply. The books sent are the old edition, for the reason that the new Charge Books have not yet been translated into the German language. That work is now in progress, and as soon as it is completed the new books will be sent to your Lodge. I have caused the package, including charter and books, to be addressed to R. ASCHMANN, Esq., Secretary United States Legation at Berne, Switzerland. Amount due for charter, which includes every thing connected, thirty dollars, United States currency.

I congratulate you upon your progress, and sincerely hope that you will soon feel strong enough to organize a Grand Lodge for the Republic. I have only to say, that just now, such a step should occupy your earnest attention. With sincere regard, yours respectfully,

JAMES L RIDGELY, *C. S.*

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)
BUREAU DES GRAND SIRE, HOCHW: G. L. D. R.,
Berlin, February 6, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, I. O. O. F., Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have to acknowledge your favor of December 4th. The supplies advised by yours of December 12 are all received and credited as per your bill. The revised Journals have also come to hand and are distributed; also the (7) Digests from LILLY & Co., to whom I shall account for them direct through Bro. ALTVATER, who has an account with that firm. For all of these please accept thanks. I received a sample copy of the new Initiatory Charge Book from Bro. MEDOLE. As the new German Charge Book must now be nearly completed and ready for delivery, I shall not deal out the illustrated copies sent by you, but would kindly request you to have fifty copies of the new edition sent to me with bill, and when received I shall send in exchange as many

illustrated ones as the German Lodges now possess, and those in my hands to be credited. All the Lodges will then be supplied with the new edition, and the old ones (not illustrated) will be either returned to you or destroyed under my supervision, and certificate of their destruction sent to you, as you may direct. Remittance for all you have sent and may send hereafter will be made as soon as the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States determines upon the charge. I am now daily expecting to learn that the secret work and diagrams are on the way. The revised report of the session of our Grand Lodge is now nearly completed. I have directed the Grand Secretary, Bro. O. SCHATTLE, to send to your address a sufficient number to be distributed as you may see fit. The vote of thanks to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States and to Bro. MORSE are also being prepared, and will be forwarded at an early day, together with the photographic group, including that for yourself.

To-morrow the last number of "Herz and Hand" (containing Bro. MORSE's likeness and biography, together with an extract from his letter dispensing of his gift) will go forward to your address, and a number of copies to Bro. MORSE. Further extracts from that letter will be printed in the next number.

I am glad to be able to report that, crude as our organization still is, matters are progressing favorably with us. I am somewhat relieved from visiting and other active work since the Grand Lodge organized, but correspondence is growing fearfully on my hands.

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Reports for 1873 of Prussia Lodges and Encampments will be made out on the blanks received from you for the purpose, and sent in due time. Please remember me kindly to the Grand Sire, Bros. KENNEDY and MORSE, and all other inquiring friends, and believe me, dear sir and brother,

Yours, fraternally, H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, March 3, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grand Sire.*

MY VERY DEAR BROTHER: Yours of 6th February, which I received some days ago, has remained unanswered in consequence of the possible personal presence of Grand Sire LOGAN in Europe, at no distant period, the determination of which course I have been awaiting. Inasmuch, however, as no immediate solution of that question is probable, I have concluded to acknowledge your last favor and to make a general reply, deferring for the future more particular remarks. Let me, first, congratulate you upon the very auspicous circumstances attending your organization of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and upon the happy unanimity and concord of sentiment which prevailed in the elections. I rejoice to witness the spirit of appreciation of your great services to the cause and of your personal worth which was predominant, and I regard this just discrimination as a presage of a prosperous future. The same remark may be made with equal propriety in relation to all the elections. In every instance brethren have been chosen whose record was worthy and meritorious. Touching the new translation of the German Initiatory Charge Book it is not yet printed; only last week the manuscript translation was received from Bro. HEDDAEUS, and we are still awaiting the rendition of the Odes into German. So soon as the work is out of press, I will send you fifty copies, which you can account for by exchange, as stipulated in the Grand Sire's circular, and by a certificate of the de-

struction by fire of a like number of the pictorial edition. The old books you will destroy by fire. In relation to the unwritten work to which you refer, I state that the copy for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire has been prepared, and would ere this have been forwarded, but for the possible departure of the Grand Sire for Europe. I would send you, at once, twenty or more copies of our Diploma Blanks for charters for subordinates, but the present edition is not on paper suitable for writing upon, and I propose to have an edition on better paper, which will be ready in about thirty days, when I will send you twenty copies. I send the form for installation of officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also for institution and installation of officers of Rebekah Degree Lodges. I drop you this hurriedly, proposing to write at length in a few days. All your friends well, and desire to be remembered.

Yours truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

Have received the "Herz and Hand," and thank you for the promised photographic group.

AREQUIPA, PERU, February 14, 1872.

J. L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have just received from Lima a copy of annual report of Lima Lodge, No. 1.

The report shows total membership twenty-eight. Bro. HURWITZ writes me, "Within four months we hope to see Lodge No. 2 established in Callao. The Callao members are only waiting to receive their degrees, which will be conferred in fourteen days, when they will be ready to make their application."

The growth, though slow, is, I think, healthy. With wishes for your health and prosperity, I remain, Fraternally yours,

JAMES PASCOE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 17, 1873.

JAMES PASCOE,
D. D. Grand Sire Republic of Peru.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your favor of 14th February has been received. I am happy to learn that Lima Lodge, No. 1, continues to prosper, and that you have already a prospect of establishing Lodge No. 2, which result indicates an earnest and zealous administration on your part, and invites from us the most active co-operation. This you may be assured of at all times whenever your wishes or proper suggestions are made known. I remark, however, in this connection, that the difficulties which oppose your more rapid progress, on account of the qualification for membership by our laws, must await their solution by the Grand Lodge of the United States. There is no power except in that body to change or relax the existing laws in reference to the subject. I am not, however, without hope that in so far as foreign nationalities are concerned that subject will be satisfactorily adjusted. With my best wishes for your health and prosperity, I remain, Fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

LIMA, PERU, February 21, 1773.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Baltimore, Md.*

WORTHY SIR AND BROTHER: Enclosed pleased find the report of Lima Lodge, No. 1, and also draft on Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., New York, No. 2693, for the amount of one hundred and seventy-six dollars and five cents in American gold, payable at sight, being the equivalent of two hundred soles, Peruvian money; the balance due to Lima, No. 1, if any, place to its credit.

I was in hopes that I would be enabled to forward an application for a warrant to establish a Lodge in our neighboring town of Callao, the port of Lima, but as some of the intended charter members have left for the interior, the same had to be postponed till a more favorable opportunity.

Thanks to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, I received with last mail the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of its last session, held in your city in September last, and found after perusal that though the constitution and by-laws of Lima Lodge, No. 1. had been approved of, yet no legislation regarding the color question has been had, which I much regret, the more so that should an application for membership at any future time be presented and there be doubt as to color, but otherwise of unblemished character, he would be refused as not being worthy to sit among the sons of a race whose fortune it has been to be born in a colder climate. Nevertheless, we submit with good grace, and will try to struggle on under existing disadvantages, and let us hope that even as it is, our banner may unfurl itself, and at some future day this now debarred race may find an advocate who may convince our brethren in the United States that the outer color is only superficial.

And now my dear sir and brother, as you will see by the report enclosed, Lima, No. 1, is slowly moving onward. The report should no doubt be signed by the installing officer, but since we had at the time no blanks to make out the report, and Past Grand VINCENT M. GALAU, formerly of Pennsylvania, now a member of Lodge No. 1, who acted for the special Deputy Grand Sire, is absent from town, we have to dispense with said signature, which you will no doubt excuse.

Hoping to hear from you soon, with best wishes for your health and prosperity, I remain, yours,

Truly and fraternally,

NATASIUS HURWITZ.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, April 1, 1873.

NATASIUS HURWITZ, *Past Grand.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of February 21st has been received, accompanying also report of Lima Lodge, No. 1, for term ending December 31, 1872; also draft for one hundred and seventy-six dollars and five cents, gold, which amount, in American currency, two hundred and three dollars and eighty-eight cents, has been placed to the credit of Lima Lodge, No. 1, leaving a balance in favor of said Lodge of thirty three dollars.

I congratulate you upon the high degree of prosperity which this report indicates, backed up as it is by the proposed application for Lodge No. 2, at Callao.

I was glad to learn that you have received, through the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, the proceedings of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was transmitted through that channel at our instance. Touching the question of color, I regret very

much that it should continue to operate adversely to your more rapid progress. It is quite obvious, from the reasons assigned by you, that its continuance must seriously prevent the spread of our Order in South America. I think I may venture to express the opinion that relief will be afforded in some form at no very distant period. We are under great obligation to you and D. D. Grand Sire PASCOE, for our present success in your country, recognizing as we do that nothing but great zeal and admirable fitness could have assured the present result in so short a time. I trust you will continue to exert yourself in this behalf, and thereby contribute to the general extension of the Order throughout South America. You may at all times command our hearty co-operation and prompt attention to all your wants.

The Grand Sire will probably visit you in person, having the honor of being appointed American Minister to the Republic of Chile, from which advantage you will have the opportunity of thorough instruction in the work and law of the Order. You will be delighted to make his acquaintance, and through his presence upon your coast during his administration have the advantage of easy and prompt communication with this office. He will leave New York about the 1st of May en route to his mission.

With my best wishes for your individual health and prosperity, and for the welfare of the Order in your jurisdiction, I am,

Fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

HONOLULU, March 12, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I would have written you some time ago, but press of business has prevented my doing so, as our little Kingdom has passed through the death of one King and the ascension of another, as I believe I wrote you in my last, but things have got somewhat quieted down now, except some talk of annexation to Uncle Sam, but I do not think that will take place at present, as the native part of the population are bitterly opposed to it.

In Lodge matters, as you are aware, we have again come under the wing of the Grand Lodge, but whether it has been done in a legal manner I do not know. I had supposed it would have been by a vote of the Grand Lodge under a petition from us, but that has not been done; and so long as no one makes any objection, I do not suppose it will make any difference; otherwise we are progressing finely. The Encampment is in good working order. We have admitted ten members, and have several applicatons on hand.

We are having the pleasure of a visit from Past Grand Master MARTIN WHITE, he being sent down from California to post us up in such matters as he found us deficient in, and I will leave it to him to make his report as to the condition in which he found us.

I tell you it does us good to have a real live brother, like Bro. WHITE, from the United States, and we are always happy to welcome any brother from home, but more particularly Bro. WHITE, knowing his views to be conservative I do hope that, at the next session of the Grand Lodge, they will pass some law so that the Order here can admit such persons as we may elect, and I will guarantee that no one whom we admit will bring or reflect discredit and disgrace on his Lodge or Odd-Fellowship generally.

I remain, fraternally yours,

W. C. PARKE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 8, 1873.

W. C. PARKE,
Past District Deputy Grand Sire, Honolulu.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of March 12th received. I have great pleasure in recognizing the Order in the Sandwich Islands as once more under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. As to the formality of the transaction, as you well observe, "that makes no difference since neither of the parties interested make objection." I am glad to learn you had an accession of ten members in your Encampment since its resuscitation, and sincerely trust that your present success will continue

Having had the pleasure of meeting Past Grand Representative MARTIN WHITE, of Nevada, at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I congratulate you upon your good fortune of having an official visit from him under appointment of the Grand Master of California; he is a bright and efficient Odd-Fellow, a gentleman of high order of intelligence and of the most accomplished manners—his proficiency in the work and jurisprudence of our Order, superadded to his personal qualifications, render him an invaluable teacher, and I have no doubt that you have discovered this truth. I have a single remark to make in reference to your suggestion "that you will not soon succeed in forming a Grand Lodge in the Hawaiian Isles." It is true that our laws provide that ten Subordinate Lodges are required to form a Grand Lodge, but the same law says that the Grand Lodge of the United States may, by a two-third vote, authorize a Grand Lodge upon the application of any number of subordinates, if it can be made appear that the general welfare of the Order in that community may thereby be promoted; hence I think, upon the formation of a second Lodge, you may reasonably expect a Grand Lodge charter. Washington Lodge, No. 1, the first on this continent, was the only Lodge in existence when the Grand Lodge of Maryland was formed.

Reciprocating your personal kind sentiments, my dear brother,
I remain, fraternally yours,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

LIMA, March 13, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary
Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: With this I take pleasure in forwarding to you an application and six withdrawal cards and draft No. 2739, payable at sight, on Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co., New York, for the sum of fifty ($50) dollars, gold, for fees, and the balance to be placed to the credit of Callao Lodge, for whom enclosed application is praying to grant a dispensation to open a Subordinate Lodge in Callao, the port of Lima.

Lima Lodge, No. 1, (of which said brothers were formerly members,) not having sufficient blanks for withdrawal cards, were compelled to give two written ones. I would therefore beg of you to use your influence with the M. W. Grand Sire so as said written cards may not occasion any delay.

Should the dispensation be granted, then please to send same with Charge Books, etc., to Bro. LEWIS SOHER, San Francisco, to whom I have written regarding regulations, &c., who will no doubt be kind enough to pack the same with the other articles.

Please enclose also two dozen withdrawal cards, for Lima Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. Our motto is onward!

With best wishes for your health and prosperity, and a satisfactory answer for Callao Lodge, No. 2.

I am, dear sir, truly and fraternally yours,

NATASIUS HURWITZ.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 9, 1873.

NATASIUS HURWITZ, *Past Grand, Lima, Peru.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of March 13th, enclosing application for a charter for Callao Lodge, No. 2, at Callao, with six withdrawal cards and draft for fifty dollars, gold, has been duly received, with your instructions that the balance over and above the proper charge for the warrant should be placed to the credit of Callao Lodge. By order of the Grand Sire, I this day transmitted the warrant, as you directed, with Charge Books, to Bro. LEWIS SOHER, at San Francisco, and hope the same may reach you in safety. I also send twenty-five withdrawal cards and two copies new edition Charge Book, as you request, for Lima Lodge, No. 1. You will destroy old Charge Books and send certificate of that fact to this office.

With sincere regard, I remain truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 9, 1873.

Dr. LEWIS SOHER, *Past Grand.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Herewith I transmit you, by direction of Bro. HURWITZ, charter, books and cards for Callao Lodge, No. 2, Republic of Peru. I am happy indeed to know that your valuable services to the Order in this connection continues to be so zealously rendered. It will be gratifying to you to know that they are rightly appreciated by the brethren in South America, as well as by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Be so good as to give the package proper direction.

With sentiments of sincere personal regard, I remain,

Fraternally yours, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE D. D. GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Honolulu, March 18, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Secretary of R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge the receipt of your reply under date of January 11. As you advise, I will retain the office of D. D. Grand Sire for the present, but I may change my place of residence, which will involve the necessity of resigning. The new books we have received from the Grand Lodge of California. Will you supply a term P. W., or do I give one myself? Of course I do not receive any from California in the

future. I enclose copy of returns as sent to the Grand Lodge of California, December 31, 1871. We have just had a very pleasant visit from Past Grand Master WHITE, of Nevada, who was commissioned by Grand Master BRADFORD, and we have listened with much pleasure to his instructions and advice delivered to us with so much eloquence and feeling. I think his visit was a pleasant one to him. He was a member of your Grand Body at the last session, and I see is again elected. Bros. PARKE and FLITNER, who are our oldest members, desire to be remembered, with best wishes for your continued health, by which your usefulness to our institution may be continued. I remain, fraternally yours,

C. S. BARTOW.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, April 8, 1873.

C. S. BARTOW, *D. D. Grand Sire Sandwich Islands.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of March 18, twenty days from Honolulu, received. I am gratified to hear from you that you will continue to occupy the office of D. D. Grand Sire. It is your official duty to supply the term P. W. I have also received copy of returns sent Grand Lodge of California up to December 31, 1872. You have been quite fortunate in the official visit you have received from Past Grand Representative WHITE, of Nevada. It was my pleasure to make his acquaintance at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to have been impressed with his proficiency in our work and system of laws, and with his very high order of intelligence. His visit will mark an era in your history, and its good effects will be long remembered.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

BERLIN, March 20, 1873.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Corrcsponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore, Md.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: For the completion of your files I beg to enclose herewith the official reports for 1872 of the six Lodges and one Encampment, of whose existence, under my charge, as D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States had taken cognizance up to the close of its last annual communication. Since then, on the 9th and 17th days of November, respectively, Leiburg Lodge, No. 7, of Prussia, in Hanover, and Victoria Encampment, No. 2, of Prussia, in this city, were instituted by me, and their warrants have been duly confirmed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire. I beg to return herewith also my commission as D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, together with my acknowledgments for the kind consideration and indulgence accorded to me during my administration of the office.

I am thankful that my present office gives me ample opportunities for keeping up a lively intercourse with yourself and the other eminent brethren and officers of the American jurisdiction, and of cultivating that cordiality of relations which tends so much towards inspiring and strengthening our young and inexperienced organization.

In a few days I hope to be able to reply to your two favors of February 14 and March 3, and to discharge the agreeable duty of transmitting, as Grand Sire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire, the vote of thanks and photographic group. Meanwhile I remain, dear sir and brother,

Yours most fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 9, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grand Sire*
Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

MY DEAR BROTHER: Yours of March 20, with the enclosed, received, being the official report for 1872 of the six Lodges under your charge as D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, with the return of your commission as D. D. Grand Sire. I congratulate you on the high degree of prosperity which the Order under your jurisdiction has attained since the formation of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. I reciprocate very cordially your fraternal sentiments, and sincerely desire that an active correspondence be maintained between you and the officers of this jurisdiction, so that our relations may be strengthened by mutual energy and earnestness, and a common sympathy be maintained.

Now, my dear brother, I have unwelcome tidings to disclose, that our Grand Sire does not go to Europe, as we expected and desired, but to South America. This will be quite a disappointment to you as it was to us. Nevertheless, let us hope that under any state of circumstances we may be able to keep up a close and profitable intercourse. It shall always be my pleasure and pride to do my part in that direction.

Having expected to send the secret work by the Grand Sire to you, we have thus incurred delay, but Bro. STUART is directed to dispatch at once the same to you by express. With sincere regard, I remain,

Truly and fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)
BUREAU DES GRAND SIRE, HOCHW: G. L. D. R.
Berlin, den 25th March, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the pleasure to advise you that the vote of thanks to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, passed by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire at its first communication, handsomely engrossed, and accompanied by a photographic group of the charter members, has been forwarded to your address by mail, and to request that it be presented at such time and place as usage may require or your judgment deem proper. I have taken the liberty also to direct to your care in the same package the vote of thanks, together with a group, intended for Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, Past Grand Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe and Switzerland, and I would herewith kindly ask of you to arrange a proper presentation to our distinguished brother on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire through such Lodge committee or person as you may choose for the purpose. The package further contains five more groups, of which please accept one for yourself, and oblige us by sending one each to Past Grand Sires KENNEDY and STUART and Grand Sire LOGAN, on behalf of the charter members, and the last one to my father-in-law, L. FRIEDLANDER, Esq., at New York city (230 W. 19th street) on my behalf. I trust you will excuse the trouble occasioned and give me an early opportunity to reciprocate.

I give you annexed an explanation to the group, and enclose herewith two impressions on sealing wax of the official seal of our Grand Lodge for the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and some impressions on paper to be distributed to the several brethren to whom the groups are sent.

Yours, fraternally,
H. WOLLHEIM, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, April 30, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grand Sire*
of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your exceedingly interesting advice of 25th ultimo is received with accompanying impressions on sealing wax of the official seal of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire for archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also several impressions on paper to be distributed with the photographic group of the charter members of that eminent Grand Body, in conformity to the designation therein made.

The presentation of one of these groups you formally make to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, together with the vote of thanks of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire unanimously passed at its first session, handsomely engrossed and officially attested. These documents for the Grand Lodge of the United States you have addressed to me, by mail, and invite me to present at the proper time and place.

I am highly honored in being thus made the favored instrumentality of so distinguished a public service, for which I beg to render to you my profound acknowledgment. I shall have the greatest pleasure in carrying your wishes into effect by a formal presentation of these two beautiful papers, embodying, as they do, and with the most elaborate artistic skill, the earnest love and devotion of a fair and comely daughter towards her worthy and illustrious parent. I shall seize a favorable moment, during the next annual communication, to consummate this purpose, and I am sure that the occasion will not only be one of great interest to all who shall witness it, but that it will mark an era in our historic record, as an Order, which will bear with it to the future pleasant memories of the important events which have given birth to the procedure.

I have also received a copy of the vote of thanks and group presented by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire to our worthy brother, J. F. MORSE, Past Grand Representative, with your request that I shall arrange a proper presentation of these documents to Bro. MORSE in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. In conformity with this request I propose to transmit the documents by mail to the distinguished Grand Master of California, that he may in the name of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire make the presentation. The further commission with which you charge me in this connection, to wit, the delivery to Past Grand Sires KENNEDY and STUART, Grand Sire LOGAN and Grand Secretary RIDGELY, each of one of these beautiful groups, in behalf of the charter members of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I shall have great pleasure in properly carrying into effect; the copy also designed for L. FRIEDLANDER, Esq., at 330 W. 19th street, New York, will be sent to him without delay. The annexed explanation to the groups, which you supply, will also be sent with each.

You may expect that the Grand Lodge of the United States and Bro. MORSE will each properly acquit themselves of their duty in acknowledgment of this distinguished compliment, and that each of the other brethren will likewise appropriately recognize his appreciation of the honor and confidence testified towards him by this proceeding. I avail myself of the opportunity to ask that you will be good enough to transmit to Dr. C. A. LOGAN, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at Chile, South America, a statement of the general strength of the Order in the German Empire. He desires these papers with a view to his annual report. I shall be glad also to have a copy of the same. With sentiments of sincere affection, Fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)
BUREAU DES GRAND SIRE, HOCHW: G. L. D. R.
Berlin, den 26 March, 1873.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary Grand Lodge of the United States,*
Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Referring to my respects of 20th instant, and yesterday, (the latter with vote of thanks and photographic group,) I hasten to reply to your two favors of February 14 and March 3. Returning heartfelt thanks for your warm congratulations for me and my associates, we all hope that your as well as our best wishes for the future of our beloved Order, and for the German branch especially. may be fully realized, as no efforts will be spared on our part that can tend towards that end. I note your remarks regarding our Charge Book, secret work and diploma, institution forms, &c., and am very much indebted to you for your continued attention. I am in anxious expectation of the secret work and diagrams, and I hope it may be brought over by the M. W. Grand Sire in person, who may be sure of a hearty reception. We are all so exultant over the prospect of his coming, that we should be sorely disappointed if he should not carry out his intentions. Your next letter will probably settle that definitely. I have been happy to learn of Bro. KENNEDY'S restoration to health, and beg to be kindly remembered to him, as well as to all other eminent brethren with whom you are in correspondence. About our doings and progress you will be best informed through Bro. LOGAN, if he should come over. Hoping to hear from you soon that he has started, or is about to do so, I remain, with sincere regards, Yours fraternally,

H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 30, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grand Sire Grand Lodge German Empire.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 25th ultimo is received. Having heretofore apprised you of our disappointment touching Grand Sire LOGAN'S expected visit to Germany, and of his official appointment as United States Minister to the Republic of Chile, I have only to unite my sincere regrets with yours, that the affair has taken such direction. I am very sure that if he had been appointed as Minister to Germany or Switzerland it would have been greatly to our advantage in the dissemination of Odd-Fellowship; as it is, we must be content, and strive the more earnestly for the general welfare. This disappointment will also explain the cause of delay in transmitting to you the copy of the secret work due to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. Bro. STUART has had the work ready for some time, awaiting a proper channel of transmission. The Grand Sire will take it with him to New York, whence he embarks on his mission on the 15th of May. He will arrange in that city, through some of our German friends, for its safe delivery to you, in person, before he leaves the United States. I am happy to say that Bro. KENNEDY'S health is measurably restored, and that I am very slowly convalescing from a very serious and dangerous illness. Grand Sire LOGAN presents his official salutation to the Grand Sire of the German Empire, accompanied with his sincere prayer that the Order under his jurisdiction may continue its prosperous career. He begs also to congratulate you and your constituents alike upon the intelligent and meritorious discernment displayed in the selection of the exe-

cutive head of the Order in Germany. He presents also his best wishes for your individual health and happiness, and begs to be remembered kindly to all your associates in office. Allow me also, in conclusion, to renew the expression of my sincere regard for you personally, and best wishes for your success as the great head of the Order in the German Empire.

Truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR SAXONY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Dresden, April 1, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Corresponding Secretary R. W. Grand Lodge
United States of America.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In accordance with my instructions I transmit enclosed the annual reports of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, and Alemania Lodge, No. 2, of Dresden, the only Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction.

I have the pleasure to inform you, also, that upon a regular petition of twenty-three brothers—scarlet members in good standing—of aforesaid Lodges, I have granted a dispensation for the institution of Lessing Encampment, No. 1, of Dresden. The Encampment was instituted by me on the 26th day of December, 1872, and consisted of twenty-four Patriarchs, according to the enclosed petition, to which was added one more member immediately after the institution, (I having joined the Encampment by depositing my withdrawal card from Victoria Encampment, No. 2, Berlin.) The officers in due course elected and installed are as follows: O. ARNOUX, Chief Patriarch; EM. BACKHAUS, High Priest; O. ROHRIG, Senior Warden; O. ROCH, Scribe; E. KLINK, Treasurer; OSE. SCHINGLER, Junior Warden. The sessions of the Encampment are held every second and fourth Saturday of each month.

I enclose herewith also the petition for a warrant and the seal of Alemania Lodge, of whose institution I informed you previously; also the petition for a warrant and the seal of Lessing Encampment, No. 1, with the respectful request to submit both in due time to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for confirmation. The by-laws of both bodies are in process of printing, and will be transmitted as soon as possible.

I also acknowledge the receipt of the commission for D. D. Grand Sire for Saxony for the year 1873, with due thanks for the honorable confidence thus conferred upon me.

Availing myself of this opportunity to express to you, dear sir and brother, my deep respect and sincere esteem for you personally, I remain,

Yours very truly, in F. L. and T.,

O. ARNOUX,
D. D. Grand Sire for Saxony.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 30, 1873.

O. ARNOUX, *D. D. Grand Sire for Saxony.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of April 1st is received. Accompanying I acknowledge the following papers: Annual reports of Saxonia Lodge, No. 1, and Alemania Lodge, No. 2, of Dresden; petition of twenty-three brothers of scarlet degree, in good standing, for exaltation to Royal Purple degree, and also for dispensation for Lessing Encampment, No. 1, of Dres-

den, which was duly granted, and the Encampment instituted by you on the 26th of December, 1872, with list of elected and installed officers; also, petition for Alemania Lodge, No. 2, at Dresden, of the institution of which you informed me in your last.

These official documents will be placed on file in this office, and will be referred to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session. You make acknowledgment to the Grand Sire for the renewal of your commission as D. D Grand Sire for Saxony for the year 1873, which will be duly communicated to that distinguished officer. Circumstances, however, have transpired since the issuance of that commission, which, while they dissolve your official connection as D. D. Grand Sire with the Grand Lodge of the United States, happily add to your opportunity and ability to continue in the service of our noble cause as the worthy D. D. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. I congratulate the Grand Sire, Bro. WOLLHEIM, and yourself alike, upon the appointment as one worthy to be made, and honorable as well to the appointing power as to the recipient.

Although our official relations are now severed, I trust you will continue to honor me with your friendly and fraternal correspondence, as I shall ever be happy to reciprocate. With sincere respect,

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF D. D. GRAND SIRE FOR SWITZERLAND,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

St. Gall, April 13, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.,
Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I duly received your kind notes of November, 1872. To-day I beg to inform you herewith that I resigned the office of United States Consular Agent for St. Gall and that of United States Acting Vice Consul for Zurich. I intend returning to America with my family, leaving Europe about the middle of May, by Hamburg steamer. I will have a general meeting in Zurich with brothers of all three Lodges of my jurisdiction before I start, and I shall make my reports, statements of the condition, etc., orally to you, bringing with me the dues, etc., etc. I will also visit Berlin, (Bro. WOLLHEIM,) Dresden and Stuttgart, and bring you news from them. I cannot tell you, my dear esteemed brother, what great pleasure and joy I feel already in thinking to make your personal acquaintance so very soon and to meet with many dear American brothers.

Being very busy all the time with preparations for the deliverance of my Consular office to my successor, and for my departure, etc., I pray you to excuse brevity, reserving all news and particulars for our *first meeting in Baltimore.* Believe me to remain, my dear brother, ever yours,

Very truly, in F. L. and T.,

CHARLES HEINRICH.

P. S. I acknowledge the receipt of my commission for 1873 as D. D. Grand Sire, and I will express my hearty thanks to the M. W. Grand Sire for the confidence and honor kindly reposed in me. Please give my best regards to our esteemed Grand Sire, whose two notes with P. W's I received. Please remember me kindly to our late Grand Sires, Bros. STUART, FARNSWORTH, and KENNEDY, and dear Bro. MORSE.

In haste, yours, etc.,

CHARLES HEINRICH.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, May 1, 1873.

C. HEINRICH,
D. D. Grand Sire Republic of Switzerland.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 18th, mailed at St. Gall, is received. Whilst I regret that we are to lose your valuable services as D. D. Grand Sire in Switzerland, I am happy to know that you have placed our affairs in very efficient and faithful hands. You have rendered our Order great assistance in the Republic, for which the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States will doubtless testify, by appropriate proceedings, its high sense of acknowledgment.

I cordially reciprocate your desire for a personal acquaintance, and shall be glad to have you call at this office upon your arrival in this city. Your several regards for Bros. LOGAN, STUART, FARNSWORTH, MORSE and KENNEDY, will be duly communicated.

Yours, very truly,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, April 30, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grad Sire*
Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I beg, through you, to return to the charter members of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I. O. O. F., my profound thanks for the high honor which they have conferred upon me by the presentation of the splendid photographic group which I have this day received. I recognise in this handsome gift the expression of a sentiment of respect and confidence which is to me a source of unalloyed pleasure. It is always gratifying to know that we are the subject of the good opinions and regard of our fellow men, but more especially is it agreable to have the assurance of friends and brothers, that our work in co-operation with them for the general good has secured their approval. Do me the favor to convey to these charter members of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, in my behalf, and to accept for yourself my best wishes and earnest prayer for your and their health and prosperity, and for the continued growth of our beloved Order in your midst. I shall assign to this beautiful specimen of photographic art a place in my parlor in companionship with other memorials of the same character with which my German brethren have heretofore honored me, where I shall have always before me the presence of those whom I cherish as true philanthropists and real benefactors of the human family.

Let me again subscribe myself as your dear friend and brother, and again give expression to my sincere wishes for your health and happiness.

Yours always, very truly,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I will send German Charge Books in a few days translated by Bro. HEDDAEUS.

I. O. O. F.
HELVETIA LODGE No. 1, OF SWITZERLAND,
Zurich, May 20, 1873

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

M. W. GRAND SIRE: Two years ago, dear brother, Dr. MORSE came over to Europe to prepare also in our country a home for the blissful institution of Odd-Fellowship, and from the very beginning we tried hard to become a worthy link of the great chain. You can easily imagine, dear sir, how small and moderate the first start in Switzerland was; but, thanks to the energy for the good cause, with only three Lodges and eighty members, we rapidly progressed. Bro. STUART, with whom we had the pleasure of exchanging several letters, well knows that such results could only be obtained by means of great sacrifices of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1.

In March, 1872, we made free to address a long letter to the above-mentioned gentleman, making it a duty to explain to him openly the position we stand in, and the hopes we entertain for the future. At that time we were about procuring for us a proper home out of our own resources, remembering the proverb, "Stand by each other and God will assist you." We have undertaken the difficult task and have solved it to satisfaction, as the enclosed documents will show you. Not having shunned any sacrifice, we think we are entitled to believe that we may reckon upon the assistance of our dear brothers in America, and especially on that of the Grand Lodge. In former letters we made free to request the M. W. Grand Sire to furnish us the assistance we are in want of, in order to be able to carry on the good work and bring it to a glorious end. Hopes have in return been made to us to that effect, and we are inclined to believe that the M. W. Grand Sire, as well as the Grand Lodge, had the good will to assist us, but that through the resignation of the Chief, the matter was not brought to a conclusion. In consequence hereof we beg to submit again our solicitation in the meaning that you will kindly grant us a loan of $10,000 against mortgage and joint and separate responsibility of all the members. In the first instance the money would be employed to pay off the foreign capital our property is encumbered with, and which has been obtained against guarantees or bail. As to the remainder of the money it would help to lay the foundation stone to new Lodges of our Order. Referring to the enclosed documents, you really cannot wish for better securities, and no doubt you will share our opinion that the funds of the Grand Lodge could not be employed in any better manner. It is a matter of course that always, at the end of six months, we would hand you an account showing how the money has been disposed of. Please pay your attention to some further particulars which we also beg to recommend to your kind consideration.

The balance of account at end of December, 1872, shows that against shares 16,900 francs, or about $3,500, has been paid for the building of the hall. Out of the receipts of the Lodge not a cent has been spent for the construction and outfitting of the said hall, we having been under the impression that the receipts must not be alienated from their original design. According to our laws of the Order, the whole fortune of the Lodge, consequently the hall as well, becomes eventually the property of the Grand Lodge, and cannot be divided, but has always to be under the chief inspection of the Grand Power. Therefore we think we have a right to believe that as according to these laws (taxes having been always paid to you) the Grand Lodge has a claim to our property, it ought to be looked upon as a duty to do (by dint of a loan) the utmost for our further welfare. When there was a question at the time of establishing a Grand Lodge in Germany, the gratitude we feel for the mother Lodge, and the sympathies we entertain for our sister republic, did not make us hesitate a moment to remain true to you. We make sure that in a few years this loan will bring

in the highest interest, and as it cannot matter to the Grand Lodge in which solid manner its Treasurer disposes of the funds, we are in good hopes you will apply to our wish.

We now pass over to another point also of the greatest importance to us. The three Lodges founded as yet in Switzerland wish most ardently that a Grand Lodge may be established also in our country, in Zurich, where we have the proper localities, and where the greatest number of Past Grands reside, in order to be in a better position than it was hitherto the case to entertain close intercourse with the Grand Lodge of America. Although we have up to the present time only three Lodges, and shall have up to the end of June only six Past Grands, we nevertheless are in the firm belief that it will be in the interest of the Order to found a Grand Lodge in Switzerland. So the whole affair will become at once another aspect; more power and a greater extension. As to this question of forming a Grand Lodge, we beg of you, M. W. Grand Sire, to look upon it as a mere inquiry we make free to suggest to you; your kind answer will then inform us whether we may apply to you in the regular way for a charter.

Within a few days our brother, CHARLES HEINRICH, Past Grand and D. D. Grand Sire, member of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., in Zurich, will leave Switzerland for America. We came to the conclusion to authorize him to lay before you, personally, our above-mentioned entreaties and to support them in the best way he possibly could. We recommend him to your kind reception, and beg to thank you beforehand for all the favors you will bestow upon him.

M. W. Grand Sire, concluding, we once more entreat you to take our two wishes into due consideration, and requesting you to accept the assurance of the sentiments of true regard, we are

Yours, ever obediently, in the name of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, in Zurich,

JOHN EMANUEL GROB, *N. G.*
J. HURLIMAN, *R. S.*

Direct reply to ED. ALTENHOFFER, Waldner, Zurich.

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH LETTER.

Bill of sale of real estate, 98,000 francs; polices of insurance, 98,600 francs, financial statement of receipts and expenditures; stock account, (shares sold;) invoice of furniture, &c.; explanatory letter for proper understanding of foregoing requests and statements; certificate of credit and bond.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, June 17, 1873.

JOHN EMANUEL GROB, *Noble Grand Helvetia Lodge, No.* 1,
Zurich, Republic of Switzerland.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 10th of May has been received. I have the honor to acknowledge also accompanying the revised constitution and by-laws of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, submitted for approval. This document will be considered at the approaching session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and certified copies of the proceedings had therein will be transmitted to you soon after the adjournment. I make no doubt but that the changes which you have made from our regulations, suggested by the peculiarities of your country, and the habits of your peo-

ple, will meet with approval. We shall always be satisfied that whatever alterations you make in the ordinary laws of our systems, will be made in the interest of the general welfare of the Order in Switzerland; as a matter of course fundamental regulations and general principles must be adhered to everywhere. I have great pleasure in making known to you that our esteemed friend and brother, CHARLES HEINRICH, late D. D. Grand Sire for Switzerland, paid me an official visit a few days since; we conversed at length upon the condition of the Order in Switzerland, its prospects, and upon the most effective means of advancing its prosperity. Our views harmonize.

By the same mail I also received a further communication from Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, which will be the subject of special reply.

With my sincere personal regards and earnest prayer in behalf of our beloved Order in Switzerland, I have the honor to be,

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

.. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, June 17, 1873.

To Noble Grand Helvetia Lodge, No. 1,
Zurich, Republic of Switzerlana.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I acknowledge the receipt of the official communication of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, of May 20th, 1873, addressed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. This communication is a formal statement of the financial programme of the Lodge, entered into in connection with the erection of an Odd-Fellows' Hall in the city of Zurich, accompanied with an application to the Grand Lodge of the United States for a loan of ten thousand dollars on a mortgage, with a view to its substitution for the present securities and the exchange of the foreign capital employed in the construction of the building. The document is also a full and elaborate explanation of the project of finance presented. Accompanying this letter, also, the following documents have been received: No. 1, bill of sale of real estate valued at $98,000; No. 2, policy of insurance on the same, $98,600; No. 3, financial statement of receipts and expenditures; 4th, stock account, (shares sold;) 5th, invoice of furniture; 6th, certificate of credit and bond; 7th, explanatory letter. It will afford me great pleasure to submit the project, with accompanying papers, to the Grand Lodge of the United States. It is not for me to express any opinion as to the disposition the Grand Lodge may make of this important subject. The Grand Sire is not present, and therefore there is no person who can venture to officially express an opinion in the premises. I have no doubt that the proposition will receive a most respectful consideration, and that in so far as our laws will permit, a most liberal and fraternal judgment will be reached. You may be assured of one thing, and that is, that you will have the best wishes and the best feelings of the brothers at large for the success of the measure.

Referring to your remarks upon the subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge for the Republic of Switzerland, I have to say that I consider such a conclusion not only wise, but one worthy of your earliest consideration. I have always been of the opinion that wherever Odd-Fellowship is formed every effort should be made and every energy directed to its organization into a Grand Body. There can be no doubt that such an organization contributes essentially to the increased strength and prosperity of the institution. Many difficulties and embarrassments are thereby removed from its path, and much greater facilities supplied in the prosecution of the work. Believing, therefore, with you, that Odd-Fellowship would be greatly pro-

moted in Switzerland by the formation of a Grand Lodge, you may count confidently upon our zealous co-operation and sympathy with you in that direction. All that you have to do is to prepare yourselves for the exigency, and to make a formal application to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Should you seriously entertain this purpose, you will find full instructions in the Digest as to the proper manner and form of the application. I venture to express the opinion that success will crown this application, and that in a few years you will realize the most decided evidences of the wisdom of the step.

Please accept the assurance from me that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States entertains for Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, most profound solicitude, and that it will exert its best efforts, in so far as it may do so consistently with its constitution and laws, for its general welfare.

I have the honor to be, Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, May 21, 1873.

JOHN GIBSON, *Grand Representative*
Grand Lodge of Ontario.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 16th instant, enclosing petition, cards, and charter fee for a Lodge, to be instituted in the town of Winnepeg, Province of Manitoba, British America, is received. I herewith transmit to you, per express, the warrant and Charge Book, accompanied with a special commission to R. D. PATTERSON, Past Grand and Past District Deputy Grand Sire of Kingston Lodge, Province Ontario, authorizing him to institute the same, which I beg of you the favor to have transmitted to him.

We beg to be excused for troubling you with this package, for the reason that our express companies are unable to forward the same to Winnepeg. You will please, in the execution of this commission, transmit to this office the bill of the necessary expenses, if any, which will be promptly paid, or charge them to the new Lodge, as you may elect. Be so good, also, to inform Bro. PATTERSON that as no name has been furnished by the applicants, we have left the space blank for him to fill, as well in the warrant as in the commission; he will, therefore, in making his report of the institution, designate the name of the Lodge that it may be properly registered in this office. The Grand Sire left on the 20th instant for South America. Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

AREQUIPA, PERU, May 11, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours under date April 1st at hand. You are probably aware ere this that some of the brothers have withdrawn from Lima Lodge for the purpose of establishing a Lodge in Callao. Regarding the administration I am sorry to say that my business prevents a very strict attendance. It is now nearly a year since I have been in Lima, and I do not see any prospect of my being able to go there very soon. For this reason I have written to Grand Sire LOGAN asking him to accept my resignation and appoint Bro. HURWITZ instead, with the understanding, however, that any assistance in my power would always be willingly rendered. By a late

letter from Bro. HURWITZ I learn that Grand Sire LOGAN is to be in Lima soon on his way to Chile. I regret that I cannot be there, but will meet him on the steamer as he is passing South.

Bro. PHILIP BARNETT, one of the applicants for the charter of Lima Lodge, No. 1, has requested me to ask whether his card cannot be returned to him. Bro. BARNETT was not in Lima when the Lodge was instituted, and another brother's name was substituted and the card sent with my letter. Bro. BARNETT now wishes to have his card returned if there is no objection. If the card be returned you can forward it to Lima Lodge, and the Secretary can hand it to the brother, as he is in Lima most of the time. Wishing you continued happiness and prosperity, I remain,

Yours, very respectfully and fraternally,

JAMES PASCOE.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, June 27, 1873.

JAMES PASCOE, *D. D. Grand Sire, Arequipa, Peru.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 11th May received. We have been informed, as you suppose, of the probable institution of Callao Lodge, No. 2, which, with the kind assistance of Bro. SOHER, of San Francisco, will be furnished with all proper supplies. No further intelligence has been received as to its progress, although I have no doubt, from the confident expectation of Bro. HURWITZ, made known at the time of the application for the charter, that it will have reasonable success.

The card of PHILIP BARNETT, of Lima Lodge, No. 1, I transmitted to Bro. NATASIUS HURWITZ. With sincere regard, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)
BUREAU DES GRAND SIRE, HOCHW: G. L. D. R.
Berlin, den 16th June, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Secretary*
Grand Lodge United States, Baltimore, Md.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I beg to acknowledge your several favors of April 9th and 30th, and to express my gratification at the most welcome news of your convalescence, and Bro. Past Grand Sire KENNEDY'S restoration. For your prompt compliance with my troublesome requests please accept my best thanks, and give me a chance to reciprocate. I regret as much as anybody that Grand Sire LOGAN goes to Chile instead of coming to Germany, and the disappointment here is very general. I trust he has attended to the transmission of the secret work before he left New York, for I am very anxious to receive it soon; up to this moment nothing has been received. Two German Charge Books have been received; they are an improvement on the former edition, but *not up to the mark* yet; as it is, we will have to use them for a year or so until arrangements can be made for our own translation; may I take the liberty to remind you of my former order for a number of these books, and also the diplomas or blanks about which I wrote some time ago. As soon as you let me know what action the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has resolved upon regarding prices of supplies furnished this jurisdiction, the amount due you will be promptly remitted. Shortly after July 1st, when the official reports of all the subordinates for the term ending June 30th are received, I will cause to be forwarded to you and to the Grand Sire the statistical statement of the

condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, which you desire, to be used in his and your reports at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States. I shall also endeavor to send you advance copies of the daily Journal of the regular session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, commencing August 20th, in time to enable you to use them at your session in September.

And now, my dear brother, let me communicate to you some news which will no doubt be agreeable to you, evincing as they do a steady progress in our affairs.

On July 6th a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire will assemble here to amend the present constitution and by-laws, so as to allow a less number of Lodges than ten to petition for a grand charter. A convention of the seven Lodges now existing in the district of *Brandenburg* will meet on the same day and resolve upon a petition for a charter for a Grand Lodge of Brandenburg. The Grand Lodge of the German Empire having adjourned while the convention sits, will reassemble to receive and grant the petition, after which the Grand Lodge of Brandenburg will be duly instituted, its officers elected and installed, and a short session held to dispose of the most urgent business, comprising the election of seven Grand Representatives. One of these seven will be, I am happy to say, Bro. OSTHEIM, Past Grand Representative, who deposits his card in one of the Lodges of this city. In this manner he will sit with us in the Grand Lodge of the German Empire in August next, and, if I am not a bad prophet, will be the next Grand Sire.

And now to another matter of vital importance: I hold a petition from a number of worthy men in *Vienna* for a Lodge at that place. I propose that the same steps which proved so effectual here be taken by you in Austria to obtain permission to organize Lodges there, which I think, however, will not be quite as easy to obtain as it was in Germany. If you desire, I will second the effort from here. Permission obtained, it will be for the Grand Lodge of the United States to decide whether the jurisdiction of Austria shall be given to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, or retained by the Grand Lodge of the United States. I recommend immediate consideration and prompt action in the premises, *that we may strike the iron while it is hot.*

The latest additions to our family here are Copernicus Encampment, No. 3, at Hanover city; Roland Lodge, No. 9, at Hildesheim, Hanover, Prussia; Silesia Lodge, No. 10, at Gorlitz, Silesia, Prussia. A Lodge at Nurnberg, Bavaria, is in near view. You see that the good work goes bravely on; may heaven bless our humble efforts.

And now, my dear brother, I must close this letter with the request that you advise me as soon as possible in regard to Vienna.

Please give my best regards and sincere wishes for prosperity in his new sphere to Grand Sire LOGAN; also remember me kindly to Bro. Past Grand Sire KENNEDY and all other sympathizing brethren, and believe me,

Yours, most fraternally, H. WOLLHEIM.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY
R. W. G. L. U. S.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, Baltimore, July 8th, 1873

M. W. Grand Sire Grand Lodge German Empire.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the pleasure to acknowledge yours of the 16th ultimo, and to give expression in so doing to my profound sorrow that it has reached me at a moment and under circumstances of great sadness throughout this jurisdiction. A dense gloom overhangs the brotherhood in the United States, which, impending like a heavy pall, lends its

melancholy tinge to our heretofore serene and unclouded sky. Bro. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire, is no more among the living stars in our moral firmament. The high and honorable position which he had attained and illumined in our glorious galaxy will know him no longer as one of its bright constellation. His matured wisdom and eloquent voice will no longer adorn our national council, enlighten and instruct our inquiring minds, or lead us on in healthful progress; he has fought the battle of life with unflinching bravery to the end, has fallen in the heat of the struggle covered with honors and a fame as imperishable as it is pure and lofty. After a life of seventy years he has been gathered to his Fathers yet comparatively young; young in freshness and beauty; young in characteristic energy and persistent love of benevolent labor; young in fragrant associations with virtue and the holier and purer spheres of human excellence. He passed from earth like a calm summer day, on the 20th ultimo, at about two o'clock P. M., in the bosom of his family, sinking to sleep in the outstreched arms of his ever faithful and loving wife, with whom, shoulder to shoulder, he had trod the varied paths of life during nearly half a century. As some great oak which for many years had weathered desolating storms and tempests, he has fallen in the order of nature; grand and imposing was the stately shaft as it stood erect in life; not less commanding is the reverence and admiration evoked by the noble form as it lies in the embrace of death. Thousands surround the spot where his mortal remains, in calm repose, now lie awaiting the funeral forms, and th cgrief which prevails, like sacred incense, floats upon the air. The offering to his exalted worth is the voluntary and spontaneous tribute of the people, who, notwithstanding his comparatively private station, have penetrated to the depth of truth and drawn forth to light and life and immortality his inexorable and exact virtues, his spotless purity and his boundless humanity. Never was juster homage laid upon a holier altar or nobler award to merit exacted by the power of worth. Thus, my brother, do the golden links which unite brother to brother and friend to friend snap assunder like feeble threads and separate us from our loved and cherished ones for ever.

In Bro. KENNEDY's death who shall measure the magnitude of loss which the world has sustained, and what art can even remotely portray the sorrow which it has evoked. Oh! the gathered wisdom, the apt judgment, ripe experience, pure moral, exalted example, keen discernment, thorough insight of the world and its interminable devices which were buried with that prostrate form! He was truly one of the brightest adornments of our moral temple, a stately column of its strength and beauty. Of him it may be truly said, as was remaked by John Quincy Adams of his illustrious contemporary, Henry Clay, "Not only an honor was he to his country, but an honor to the human race." His entire life, which measures fifty years of manhood, was dedicated to the culture and diffusion of the divine idea of benevolence; himself in a good degree the author of one of the sublimest systems of charity which the world has yet known, or rather more properly speaking, one of a spartan band who rescued from comparative chaos the vital principles of fraternity embodied in Odd-Fellowship and lifted them to a high and noble sphere. You will rejoice to hear that the last tribute of respect to the memory of such a man displayed rather an outpouring of the popular heart than the modest expression of private friendship or kindred love for a model citizen; and your heart will be still gladder when you are told that the sincere homage of the occasion most happily combined and illustrated as well the public as the private grief for the death of one of "Nature's Noblemen." In dwelling upon this painful subject my pen lingers amid its melancholy inspirations under the influence of emotions which partake of the pervading atmosphere, but I must leave it to discuss the affairs of the living, refreshed, I trust for the office by the grand example of our departed brother which will ever shine upon our pathway like a beacon light. Before I do so, however, allow me to give utterance to a single

thought which has held me captive ever since the day of the obsequies. The ceremony and funeral service were highly appropriate and impressive; whilst its general solemnity and marked absence from display was exceedingly in character: it was not the less imposing, and I may truly say, commanding in the splendid presence which adorned the occasion, representing as it did the people from every sphere and calling of life. Nevertheless, I could not fail to observe a slight departure which in some respect detracted from the otherwise fitting and well ordered proceeding. The officiating clergyman did the amplest justice to a character which had not failed to exact universal homage as a model of human worth during a long and eventful life; this character, so noble and pure, was traced with much effort to the tender solicitude and discipline of christian parents. All hearts acquiesced in the recognition of the power and efficacy of that exhaustless spring of moral life; all experience confirmed its grand truth; yet it was a marvel to many that not a single word was uttered in commendation of Odd-Fellowship, the tributary source, under whose inspirations our brother had passed more than forty years of his active life, and in which service it was well known the brightest gems in his coronet of fame had been secured. Odd-Fellowship, and all other secular schools of pure benevolence, appeared to be studiously ignored on the occasion as instrumental in any degree or auxiliary to the formatation and perfection of human character. Surely the christian church can loose nothing by the recognition of collateral agencies in its great work, nor can its conquests over vice be so complete as to render it intolerant of lay success!

I begin now at this point as an appropriate place to account to you for the non-transmission as yet of the secret work to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. You are already aware of the fact that the previous hindrances in this regard were caused by the failure of Grand Sire LOGAN'S expected visit to Germany. I have now to inform you that we have been just as unfortunate in committing this important paper to the hands of Bro. KENNEDY with a view to its safe delivery to you. Every necessary arrangement had been perfected by Bro. KENNEDY to this end, the package addressed awaiting the call of the brother selected to bear it to Europe. Before that call was made, Bro. KENNEDY'S spirit passed away. It now becomes necessary to make other arrangements for its transmission to you, which will be by express or mail in a few days. I sincerely regret the adverse circumstances which have followed this important business, and earnestly pray that they may not be inauspicious. You refer to and remind me of your former order for German Charge Books and also for Diploma Blanks. I reply that no more than twenty copies of the German Charge Book were sent, for the reason that we were apprehensive that the translation might possibly fail to meet your approval, and therefore thought it wise on our part first to submit the work to your judgment before we dispatched any considerable number of copies. I am glad now to learn from you that the work, in your opinion, is an improvement over the former edition, and I now accordingly send you thirty copies. Touching Blank Diplomas, I have been for sometime in search of paper upon which to print them fit to write on, those we now have being of very inferior quality in that respect. I have again to-day written to Philadelphia to our printer, Bro. LEWIS, urging him on this subject, and shall not fail to press the matter until you are in possession of this work of proper quality. Noticing your remarks in relation to the price at which we furnish your Grand Lodge with supplies, I shall take occasion during the approaching session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to have that subject properly adjusted. It has been usual heretofore to rate them to foreign jurisdictions at quite a reduced price. I am much obliged to you for the promise to send to the Grand Sire and to this office a statistical statement of the condition of the Order in Germany, and also for the promise of advanced copies of the daily Journal of the next regular session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

The intelligence which you communicate of the formation of a Grand Lodge for the District of Brandenburg under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire is highly gratifying, the more so in view of the fact that in this important step of progress we recognize the active agency of our distinguished Bro. OSTHEIM, Past Grand Representative of Oregon. I congratulate you upon the acquisition of this important element of strength to the cause of Odd-Fellowship in Europe. I need not say that should your phophecy be verified, the official mantle which now graces your shoulders could not descend to a more worthy and meritorious succession.

Present my sincere regards to my Bro. OSTHEIM, with the expression of the high gratification which I experience for his earnest efforts in our good cause. And now, my brother, I turn to the subject of vital importance to which you invite my attention at the close of your interesting letter. I am delighted beyond expression at the near prospect which you present of our acquisition of a new Grand Jurisdiction in Europe, especially the Empire of Austria. There are reasons which are so obvious for gratification in this regard, that I deem it unnecessary to name them to you; on account of which, however, it is in my judgment the more necessary that the same cautious steps, which proved, as you well observed, "so effectual" in Prussia, should be taken by the Grand Lodge of the United States in Austria. I refer, of course, to permission from the government to organize our Order in the Empire of Austria. You will therefore please transmit to me, without delay, the petition which you hold in your hands from a number of worthy men in Vienna for the organization of a Subordinate Lodge in that city, when I will address an application for permission to institute a Lodge of Odd-Fellows at Vienna to the Austrian government accompanied with a printed circular to the authorities of Austria; meanwhile I shall be greatly obliged to you for any aid which you may be able to give in this direction, especially for any advice which may tend to facilitate the correspondence and to remove hindrances from our way Should permission be obtained, it will be the true policy of the Grand Lodge of the United States to transfer to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire temporary jurisdiction over that government until the Order shall be strong enough within its borders to constitute an independent sovereignty. Happy to hear of your late accessions under your jurisdiction, and of the prospect in Bavaria. I rejoice with you that the good work goes bravely on May God speed it. I shall have pleasure in transmitting your regards to the Grand Sire in my next communication, but alas! your loving message to Bro. KENNEDY will fail here below of its destination, yet I trust, if the righteous and pure who dwell in the better land may known anything of their kindred in this world, that your words have already fallen upon his ears.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES L. RIDGELY.

LIMA, PERU, July 12th, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I send you the semi-annual report of the Lodge, also the certificate for the destruction of the charge books as directed by you.

Callao, No. 2, has not been instituted yet; first, they are not fully ready; and second, the regalia has not yet arrived; and also for want of energy, which died away after the disappointment experienced by the brotherhood here by the Grand Sire's not visiting Callao and Lima; but once started, I may confidentially say they are bound to prosper. With best wishes for your health and prosperity,

Fraternally yours,
N. HURWITZ.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, August 4, 1873.

N. HURWITZ, Esq., *Past Grand.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 12th ultimo, transmitting semi-annual report of Lima Lodge, No. 1, also certificate of destruction of old charge books, is received. I am rejoiced to hear you say that Odd-Fellowship is bound to prosper in Peru, and I trust that after you have tided over the ordinary obstacles and difficulties which hinder every new enterprise your progress will rapidly advance. The principles of the Order are well adapted to every people who cherish the rights of conscience and are capable of appreciating political liberty. Such has been our experience wherever Odd-Fellowship has been established in foreign countries. There will necessarily be local causes of impediment which may give you temporary difficulty, but these will disappear as the general welfare advances. I am happy to inform you, that as our fiscal year is being developed by the annual reports from the several jurisdictions, that there has been great prosperity everywhere, and the accession to our numbers has been unprecedently large; especially has the Grand Lodge of the German Empire had a great success. I regret very much that the Grand Sire did not pay you a visit on his passage to Chile, but you may rest assured that his reasons for not doing so were overpowering and unavoidable. Let not this disappointment give you any cause for relaxing your zeal in our good cause. You will undoubtedly soon hear from him very satisfactorily. With sincere regard,

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, July 19, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grand Sire*
Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I herewith enclose letter this moment received from Grand Representative JOHN MEDOLE, of New York, which supplies the gratifying intelligence that the secret work for your Grand Lodge has at length been dispatched to your address.

You will perceive that Bro. MEDOLE has exercised the greatest care and prudence in the execution of his important trust in this regard, and as a consequence all possible danger of miscarriage or disadvantage has been avoided. You may, without doubt, expect the package by next mail. I have nothing of especial interest to communicate.

We are being favored by our *Great Patron* with his accustomed smile and kind countenance, so that prosperity abounds in our midst. Our increase is very great, and especially has the pecuniary resources of the brotherhood been enlarged. I have at this moment Bro. CHARLES HEINRICH, late D. D. Grand Sire for Republic of Switzerland, with me, who is delighted to meet his American brethren. He begs to be kindly remembered to you. Please accept the assurance of my continued affection, and believe me to be ever yours,

Very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Honolulu, July 7th, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Secretary of*
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your valued favor of 26th May is at hand, and was pleasing to me, evincing as it does the deep interest you always have felt and still feel for the Order at this place. I feel assured, as you do, that it would much advance the interest of the Order in foreign countries were the Lodges so situated as to enjoy an independent sovereignty. As we are situated at the Islands it would prove of great advantage to us, and I most earnestly wish it could be accomplished. Under present requirements it cannot be hoped for at the Islands. We have not at present any representation, and in consideration of our efforts to carry out the principles of Odd-Fellowship, and the length of time the Order has been established at the Islands, there might be some special legislation in our favor. We shall petition the R. W. Grand Body to repeal (as far as affecting this jurisdiction) the restriction as to color in admission of members.

I forward the returns of Excelsior Lodge; I have not had time to compare them, as they were placed in my hands this morning. I have not received the returns of the Encampment. We need some blank forms; also, I should have some official paper. I enclose draft for amount due Grand Lodge. All the brethren desire to be remembered.

Very fraternally yours, C. S. BARTOW.

I. O O. F.
OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, August 13, 1873.

C. S. BARTOW, *D. D. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 7th inst. was received on the 27th inst., and the accompanying semi-annual report for term ending June 30th, 1873. Cash, gold, eighty-four dollars and twenty-six cents, yielding in United States currency ninety-six dollars and eighty-nine cents, which is this day passed to credit of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, upon our books. Let me advise you that semi-annual returns are no longer necessary; by a change in the law, made session before last, subordinates under this jurisdiction make returns only annually. The blanks sent out are prepared accordingly. I will cause some official paper to be sent out.

Referring again to the subject of your grievance as to the constitutional qualification for membership, I consider you fortunate in having secured the special attention of Bro. Grand Representative WHITE, of Nevada. Whatever can be done in the premises he will accomplish, although I am by no means sanguine of success by any direct legislation to change this qualification. My own views as to the means of success have been heretofore disclosed to you, and which I may say generally, without travelling over the same ground, are the same which proved competent in the charter of the Grand Lodge of Germanic Europe, or rather of the German Empire. With my sincere regards to Bro. PARKE and all others,

Yours truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)
BUREAS DES GRAND SIRE, HOCHW: G. L. D. R.
Berlin, August 18, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Secretary*
Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am in receipt of your two favors, one dated 8th July, the other (which I have not before me just now) enclosing letter from Bro. MEDOLE. On the point of preparing to start for our Grand Lodge session at Stuttgart, overcrowded with business which must be finished before I leave, and just over the excitement attendant upon the confinement of my wife, (who was safely delivered of a healthy boy,) I am compelled, in order not to delay an answer upon several important matters, to compress my reply to-day into a few brief lines, reserving a more explicit letter until some time next month, when I hope to be home again, after having attended to the closing acts of my official station in the Order and taking a short recreation in the country, which my overtasked frame needs very decidedly at present. The death of Past Grand Sire KENNEDY did not take me by surprise, for I knew too well his true condition, but it nevertheless affected me deeply. The newly organized Grand Lodge of Brandenberg has expressed its condolence on behalf of the Lodges under its jurisdiction to the heroic widow of the departed brother and to his Lodge; the Grand Lodge of the German Empire will soon speak on behalf of the remainder of the Lodges. To you I offer my brotherly condolence with your bereavement, which, from the nature of the relationship which existed between the deceased and yourself, you must have felt keenly. He has passed away to a better world, to receive the reward his noble character and good deeds so richly deserve. But who shall take his place? May a kind Providence vouchsafe to the Order a fit successor.

Of the safe arrival of the secret work you are ere this advised through Bro. MEDOLE; for the care and precision exercised in the preparation of the work and the diagrams by Past Grand Sire STUART, and for the good judgment and circumspection evinced in its transmission by Bro. MEDOLE, please return my best thanks to them.

Of the fifty copies of the new Charge Book mentioned in your letter I received the package containing twenty copies; no doubt the balance and the diploma blanks, &c., will arrive soon; amount due you will be remitted as soon as I can learn what prices have been determined upon by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It is intended to bring the Vienna petition in due form before our Grand Lodge at this session, commencing 20th inst., and to be referred by it at once to the Grand Lodge of the United States in time for the September session.

It has been impossible up to now to send to you and to Grand Sire LOGAN the desired statistical statement of the status of this jurisdiction at the close of last term; but the Grand Secretary will forward it to you in duplicate so as to reach you before your annual communication opens, together with advance copies of the proceedings at Stuttgart. I should be greatly obliged for advance copies of your daily Journal and reports, &c.

Pressing engagements force me to close here. Oblige me by remembering me kindly to as many Representatives at your session as take an interest in affairs on this side, and believe me,

Dear sir and brother, yours affectionately,

H. WOLLHEIM.

Past Grand Patriarch SEYMOUR promises to be in Stuttgart during our Grand Lodge session.

NEW YORK, August 25, 1873

JOHN MEDOLE, Esq.

DEAR SIR: I hereby notify you, by desire of the M. W. Grand Sire, HUGO WOLLHEIM, Berlin, Prussia, that the secret work has been safely delivered at the proper time. Yours respectfully,

LOUIS A. RICHTER.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, September 3, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grand Sire*
Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I. O. O. F.

MY DEAR BROTHER: Yours of the 18th ultimo is at hand. I rejoice to learn that you have received the secret work, and that this long and vexatiously delayed package has at last had a safe deliverance. I write only to acknowledge the receipt of your favor, reserving a full reply until after the close of the approaching session. I wish you joy of your domestic fortune, and long life and happiness to self and family.

Ever yours truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)
BUREAU DES GRAND SECRETARY, HOCHW: G. L. D. R.
Stuttgart, August 4, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In commencing these lines two thoughts are uppermost in my mind. First—although rather late—I wish to congratulate you most sincerely on your recovery, which was not less gratifying and important to the whole fraternity than to yourself and your beloved family. Secondly, I beg leave to explain why you have not received any communication from me since I had—against my wish and will—the honor to be elected Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. As such it was and is my duty to attend to all official communications emanating from the institution of this Grand Lodge, &c. But Bro. WOLLHEIM, our M. W. Grand Sire, who had as D. D. Grand Sire corresponded with you so successfully and satisfactorily, was kind enough to offer and promise, voluntarily, to continue as Grand Sire the correspondence with you. He has done so most faithfully, and more ably than I could have done it. I only attended to the execution of the vote of thanks tendered by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and to our esteemed and meritorious Bro. MORSE. I also forwarded in four parcels, thirty-seven copies of the "Journal constituting the first session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire," while Bro. WOLLHEIM wrote the letters relating to both consignments. He promised you since that I would inform you and the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the status of the Order in Germany timely enough for you to mention it in your report. Bro. WOLLHEIM notified me of this promise, instructing me to publish, as soon as all the reports were received, a full statement of the strength of the Order in Germany in our paper, "Herz and Hand," a copy of which I should then send to you, and one to the M. W. Grand Sire for the above mentioned purpose. But with the best of intentions I was not enabled to have the desired statement published in the last number of "Herz and Hand," as the reports—I am sorry to state—have not all been sent in yet. This delinquency on the part of

some of the Lodges, or their officers, worries me considerably, for it not only hinders me in settling the books and in preparing my report, the next session of this Grand Lodge commencing the 20th of this month, but it also compels me to disappoint you and the M. W. Grand Sire, as you no doubt expected my statement ere this day.

August 7th. In expectation of the outstanding reports I postponed finishing this letter, but I can no longer bear the idea of probably appearing to you as the delinquent in this matter. Still we must console ourselves with the German proverb, "every beginning is difficult," and the next time those duties will be better understood by the Subordinate Lodges, and therefore more readily attended to. As soon as the rest of the reports are in my hands, I will transmit at once my statement to you by the fastest line of steamers.

The official letter of Ohio Lodge, No. 1, Cincinnati, referring to Bro. PH. LUCKMANN, who has since become a member (but not a charter-member) of Leibniz Lodge, No. 7, Hanover, I received in due time. I sent it from here to Bro. WOLLHEIM, requesting him to investigate the matter. I also exchanged letters in regard to it with the officers of Leibniz Lodge. Enclosed you will please find the document returned to you with a skeleton copy of Bro. LUCKMANN'S card, and accompanied by a statement of that brother written by Bro. GROTEFEND, the former Secretary of Leibniz Lodge, now Noble Grand of the shortly instituted Holty Lodge, No. 11, Hanover. That statement is seconded by Dr. GERSTEL. D. D. Grand Sire, and by our highly esteemed Grand Sire WOLLHEIM.

From the last named brother I received a few days ago, for my perusal, your last favor written to him, comprising nearly fifteen pages of the most touching and eloquent language, apparently dictated by the sincerest attachment and appreciation, and dedicated to the memory of the late Bro. KENNEDY, whose valuable services cannot be too highly praised, and whose death is to be deplored by the whole fraternity, and by mankind generally, as an irretrievable loss. His name and memory is engraved with glowing letters in the annals of Odd-Fellowship, and in the hearts of all who either were so happy as to know him personally, or only by reputation. Immortal is such a man, and a model to those who survive him. With sadness I attended to the painful duty of notifying the Lodges here of the great loss the Order sustained, and it was unanimously resolved that I should write and forward letters of condolence to the esteemed widow of the late brother, and to the Lodge he was a member of in New York, in the name of the Lodges of this district.

Before I close these lines I would like to pay an old debt. You will probably recollect that I ventured to write you a letter (as Noble Grand of Wurttemberg Lodge, No. 1,) shortly after the (first) corner-stone of Odd-Fellowship had been laid in this city, (or rather in this country,) when we did not number so many dozen as we now count hundreds. In due time I had the great pleasure of receiving a very kind reply from you, which I certainly ought to have acknowledged long before this. It was always my intention to do so; twice I had commenced to write, each time finding at second thought my communications not interesting enough, or intermingled with unpleasant tidings, therefore deeming it proper to not molest you, nor infringe upon your valuable time and attention. But let me assure you that I appreciated and cherished the expression of your kind and fraternal sentiments, as well as those words of approval and encouragement which your favor contained. Ever mindful of the same, they assisted me frequently in overcoming such troubles and grievances as threatened, in or outside of the Lodge-room, to injure the cause we have espoused. The cheering spirit of your kind favor was for me a stimulus, and sometimes a talisman, in my endeavors to promulgate by word and writing our ennobling principles, and to further the true interest of our beloved Order by not only teaching, but by also following the precepts of the same.

Although this epistle has already become rather lengthy, I beg leave to introduce another subject yet. Having noticed in one of your letters to our Bro. BERNHEIM, now R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, published in your last report, that his communications about the celebration of the 4th July, our national holiday, pleased and interested you, I beg to mention the fact that his friend and brother (SCHAETTLE) presided over that festival—an honor which was forced upon me three years in succession I happened to be the prime mover in establishing in this city the American Club, and—as its principal business—the celebration of the 4th of July. The anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, that master-piece of political eloquence, that glorious and invaluable jewel, of which every American citizen, native or naturalized, at home or abroad, ought to be proud and jealous, has become an established festival here, attracting travellers and sojourners from every State and Territory. They come here from the North and South, from the fertile and immeasurable West, as well as from the East, so rich in industries—from the shores of the Atlantic as from those of the Pacific, from all regions of our great republic, meeting here with friends whom they probably had not seen for many years, and whom they would perhaps have never met over there. This year I had the pleasure to introduce to the assemblage of several thousand the well known and esteemed Col. F. HECKER. Four hundred and fifty participated in the banquet, while hundreds could not do so, as there were not seats enough. To preside and keep order over such a numerous assemblage, consisting of so many different elements, is actually a difficult task, with more labor than pleasure. Amongst the participants were many brethren from different States of the Union, who combined, as it was last year, a visit to the Lodges here with their participation in the 4th July celebration.

August 15th. Please to excuse this repeated delay. From Bro. WOLLHEIM I received a letter to-day stating to look for his arrival on the 19th, as he wishes to compare reports and accounts and to go through the secret work, etc., before the opening of our session. On the 11th inst. he wrote to me, "My dear wife, who never forsakes me, has done her part to enable my departure for Stuttgart on Monday or Tuesday, by giving birth to a sprightly boy. The Lord be praised for the safe and easy delivery." Thus was my apprehension that Bro WOLLHEIM might be prevented from attending the session happily removed by the arrival of a young Odd-Fellow in due time. A very prominent brother, Jos. SEYMOUR, from Syracuse, New York, Past Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of State of New York, will give us the honor and benefit of his presence at the session. Two other brothers will do so, viz., Bro. S. WILE, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and Bro. DUNKEN, Past Grand of some Lodge of California and Janitor of the Hall, the latter highly recommended by Bro. MORSE, the beloved apostle of Odd-Fellowship in Germany. If the arrangement for advance copies of the proceedings will be successful, I will forward such to you without delay. At least you will please accept the assurance of my sincere devotion to our cause and her true friend, and believe to be yours, very fraternally,

OTTO SCHAETTLE, *Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, September 3, 1873.

OTTO SCHAETTLE, *R. W. Grand Secretary*
of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your very interesting favor of 4th ultimo is received, and I am glad that it has reached me in time for my annual re-

port, which is at this moment passing through the press. I shall have great pleasure in communicating it to the Grand Lodge, by which its contents will be duly considered. I propose to defer my reply to a future day after the adjournment of the approaching session, when I shall be better qualified to write. Meanwhile I shall await your statistical report, with some anxiety, as it will afford great gratification to our brethren to be thoroughly posted as to your actual strength.

Accept the assurance of my profound regard for you personally, and my best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Order in your country. I am now in the midst of overwhelming labors, and you will therefore excuse brevity.

Yours very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

LETTER FROM THE GRAND SIRE.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, July 5th, 1873.

J. L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Grand Secretary*
Grand Lodge of the United States.

MY DEAR BROTHER: I embrace almost the first opportunity of dropping you a line, to inform you of my whereabouts, &c.

I reached this place on the 18th of June, after a most unpleasant voyage from New York of over a month. Myself and family suffered very much with sea-sickness, and when I arrived at Callao I found myself quite unable to go ashore, and as our vessel only stopped there two hours I saw no one. I have made arrangements, however, to go to Callao and open the new Lodge if it has not already been done.

I have found five members of the Order here, and we are going to open a Lodge at Valparaiso as soon as cards can be obtained and preliminaries arranged. Valparaiso is growing rapidly, and has a large and constantly increasing foreign population. A good Lodge can be started there at once, and the seeds of the Order planted in Chile. This young Republic is making long strides in the march of civilization, and it will not be many years before the *religious* obstacle will be removed. I am surprised to find the disposition so strong to throw off obsolete religious superstitions and church fanaticism. The irrepressible conflict has already begun, and the termination must be as heretofore, where intelligence has grappled with ignorance and bigotry.

I have no letter as ye from any one since I left home, and I am most anxious to hear from you. I sincerely hope your health is quite restored. I shall be much disappointed if I do not receive letters from you in the mail which we are to receive to-morrow.

I am working at my report, and you will receive it between the middle and last of August. I have entertained a feeble hope that I might be able to be with you at the September session. It may possibly result so. I shall greatly miss the pleasure of our annual gathering if I should fail to get there. I have been so long accustomed to meeting our brothers in council, and have so cherished the remembrance of our annual gatherings and their fraternal greetings, that they have come to form a considerable part of the best pleasures of my life. Should I fail to be with you in body, my heart will be there.

I have some hope of planting a Lodge on the other side of the Andes, in the Argentine Republic, from whence the Order may extend up the Atlantic coast, and the whole continent of South America resound with the fraternal notes of the "Friendly Order." It is as certain to come as the inevitable flight of time. Here is a continent containing every condition necessary to the sustenance of a teeming population; mineral wealth undreamed of; agricultural possibilities unsurpassed by any country on the globe, and the great march of progress already commenced. You can foresee the

events of the next twenty-five years without the prophet's ken—intelligence conquers ignorance, and humanity overcomes barbarism. Each year is but a figure on Time's dial, and the evening must bring the millenium.

Please give my best regards to *all* our brothers, and remember me to Bro. STUART. May God bless him and you always.

Will write again when I have more time. Of course you won't have any of this published—it is hurriedly written.

As always, your friend and brother,

C. A. LOGAN.

CIRCULAR CONCERNING NEW CHARGE BOOK

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, November 1, 1872.

To.....*M. W. Grand Master*
Grand Lodge of.....

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In consideration of the importance of the subject, the following statement is, with the approbation of the M. W. Grand Sire, transmitted to the several Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions.

At the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States very material changes were made in the form and character of the Initiatory Charge Book; the new form will go into effect January 1, 1873, and arrangements must be made accordingly by all whom it may concern. The changes do not disturb the text of the present form, but add very considerably to it, by transferring thereto, from what is known as the *unwritten work*, the instructions appropriate to the initiatory to be imparted to the candidate by the presiding officer, in so far as such instructions do not disclose its peculiar language or symbolism. Much of the miscellaneous matter contained in the unwritten work, relating to this ceremony, and the general practice thereof, is also transferred to and made a part of the new Charge Book. This book will contain a plan of a Subordinate Lodge, with the proper location of the officers, and a diagram of the emblems and their respective significations; it will also embody generally the jurisprudence or law appropriate to the initiatory work, and will be so comprehensive in instruction and detail, touching this department of the Order, as to put it in the power of any officer of ordinary mental capacity to administer his office with strict adherence to law and credit to himself.

Corresponding changes are being made in the degree books, and in the Encampment work; but for the present the Grand Lodge has ordered that the Initiatory Charge Book only should be put in force. This new book, as thus constituted, leaves but little, comparatively, relating to the initiatory unwritten; in fact nothing but the peculiar language by which we recognize each other.

Grand Secretaries will take notice of this proceeding, and send their orders without delay. I hope to be able to deliver this work on and after January 1, 1873, yet in view of the magnitude of the edition to be printed, and the numerous points to be supplied, may be disappointed, and must therefore ask the general indulgence if delay should intervene.

Price of the book $2 per copy, to accompany the order.

To prevent misunderstanding, the following resolution is annexed:

Resolved, That the various Subordinate Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge may have the privilege of exchanging (within three months from the close of this session) the copies of the last or so called pictorial edition of the Ritual as may remain unsold in their respective offices, for the new Ritual, free of cost to them, except the ex-

penses attending the exchange; and that the Subordinate Lodges may exchange, through their respective Grand Secretaries, the copies of said Ritual purchased by them for the new Ritual, on payment of one dollar for each copy so exchanged.—*Daily Journal, pp.* 109, 139.

Fraternally yours,

Approved, JAMES L. RIDGELY,

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.* *Corresponding and Recording Secretary.*

GREAT FIRE IN BOSTON.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, November 14, 1872.

GEORGE B. HAMLIN, *Most Worthy Grand Master.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In view of the probable suffering of some of our brethren by the terrible conflagrations in Boston, the Grand Sire has transmitted to me the enclosed dispatch. Will you advise me whether such a step on his part as a general proclamation of appeal for contributions throughout the Order is in your judgment desirable and proper?

An early reply will greatly oblige me.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

[DISPATCH.]

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, November 12, 1872.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

If necessities of Boston Odd-Fellows require it, issue proclamation of relief in my name. C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE R. W. GRAND
JAMES L. RIDGELY, LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.
R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your communication of the 14th instant, enclosing telegraphic dispatch from the M. W. Grand Sire, is before me. Though many members of the fraternity in this jurisdiction have sustained pecuniary loss by Boston's great calamity, and a large number are thrown out of employment, there does not appear to be much suffering among members of the Order. Steps have been taken to provide for those needing assistance, and as donations of money and offers of aid have already reached us from the brotherhood in different parts of the country, I do not think a general appeal to the Order for contributions is necessary. Rest assured the Odd-Fellows of Boston will appreciate the kindness of the Grand Sire in proffering them fraternal assistance.

GEORGE B. HAMLIN, *Grand Master.*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF VIRGINIA

IN DEFENCE OF GRAND SECRETARY RIDGELY.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY R. W. GRAND LODGE OF VA.,
Richmond, December 7, 1872.

I certify that the following is a true copy from the records of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, at its late session, April, 1872.

WM. J. RIDDICH, *Grand Secretary.*

At the annual Grand Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, held in Portsmouth, Va., on Thursday, April 11, 1872—

HUGH LATHAM, Past Grand Master, presented, from the Committee on the State of the Order, the following report, which was read, and, on motion, received and adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Virginia:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following resolution, viz., "That the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia at the April session of 1849, in reference to the raising of funds for the relief of THOMAS WILDEY, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order for examination and report," will state that the lapse of time since the action alluded to does not relieve this R. W. Grand Lodge from the imperative duty of correcting an error when injustice has been done. While we feel that the very able committee who presented the report alluded to were honest in their convictions at the time, but did not possess the lights and information since presented, and with no intention to reflect upon them or this Grand Lodge, we respectfully submit the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS it appears a matter of record on page 1523 Journal of Grand Lodge of the United States, 1849, that this Grand Lodge received a report made by one of its committees of this R. W. Body at the April session of that year, and approved of the same, and furthermore directed one of its Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to present the same to that body as the sentiment of this R. W. Body; and whereas said report seriously reflects upon and directly censures the Corresponding and Recording Secretary for acts alleged to be in violation of law; and whereas in his report of his official acts to the Grand Lodge of the United States fully set forth his reasons for pursuing the course he did, which explanation was entirely satisfactory to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and should have been to this R. W. Body had it been in possession of the facts; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Body absolve the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States from all blame in connection with the subject referred to, believing, as it does, that he acted in that case as he has always done, with the best interests of our beloved Order in view.

Resolved, That a certified copy of these proceedings be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
J. A. COLLINS,
G. SHEIRY,
A. B. ADAMS,
E. MORRISSETTE,
Committee.

A true copy from the records.
WILLIAM J. RIDDICH, *Grand Secretary.*

VOTES OF THANKS.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.

Baltimore, December 13, 1872.

J. WARD ELLIS,
R. W. Grand Representative Grand Lodge of Illinois.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: It is my official duty to transmit to you the accompanying engrossed vote of thanks which has been unanimously awarded by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

I beg to say that the performance of this agreeable office gives me great pleasure.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

CHICAGO, January 20, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary
Grand Lodge of the United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 13th ult., accompanying engrossed resolutions of the Grand Lodge, duly received. I beg, dear brother, to extend my sincere thanks, through you, to the honorable body which has so often conferred honors upon me, for this renewed token of its appreciation of my services in the work of relieving the distresses of our afflicted brethren and their families, caused by the terrible disaster to our city in October, 1871. Truly and fraternally yours,

J. WARD ELLIS,
Past Grand Representative.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 13, 1872,

E. B. SHERMAN, *Past Grand.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: As a member of the "Chicago Relief Committee" you have achieved a record which will bear your honored name to a late posterity. In presenting you in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States the accompanying vote of thanks, on this occasion I have great pleasure. Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 13, 1872.

Hon. JOHN G. ROGERS, *Past Grand.*

If it be a grateful office to be the bearer of a message of love and respect at all times, it surely is pre-eminently so when the subject of the honor conferred is one who commands universal confidence and esteem. In this spirit allow me to present you, in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the accompanying testimonial.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, ROOM 49 BRYAN BLOCK,
Cor. La Salle and Monroe Streets.
Chicago, December 20, 1872.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Baltimore.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Having, through your kindness, been the several recipients of engrossed copies of the complimentary resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its recent session, we beg to return our grateful acknowledgments to you and that Grand Body. We shall treasure these beautiful testimonials of esteem, and leave them as a rich heritage to our children.

Gratefully and fraternally yours,

JNO. G. ROGERS,
E. B. SHERMAN,
Chicago Relief Committee.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 13, 1872.

J. C. SMITH,
M. W. Grand Master State of Illinois.

There has been no occasion in my long career of public office when I have had greater pleasure in the performance of official duty than the present, when I am called upon to commit to your hands the highly honorable testimonial which accompanies this letter.

You have well deserved it, and I hope that you may live long to enjoy the conscious reward, which duty nobly performed always inspires.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE PAST GRAND MASTER, G. L. OF ILLINOIS,
Galena, April 21, 1872.

Hon. JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary
Grand Lodge United States.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: During a recent visit to Chicago I was presented with the very complimentary resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, adopted at the session of 1872, and handsomely engrossed under your direction, together with your brotherly and fraternal letter. Thanks, many thanks, my dear brother, for your words of cheer, and the many kind favors I have so often received at your hands. Such commendation as yours goes far to repay me for the ardous labors of 1871-2. Your recent illness has made me anxious to hear from you and of your convalescence. The Independent Order of Odd-Fellows cannot spare you. Humanity cannot afford to lose its great benefactor. May your days be prolonged and spared to our noble Order.

I am, dear brother, truly and fraternally,

J. C. SMITH,
Grand Representative.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, December 13, 1873.

F. BROSS,
M. W. Grand Master of the State of Illinois.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: As the official head of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, I have the honor to transmit through you to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois the accompanying vote of thanks, which has been unanimously awarded by the Grand Lodge of the United States. I need not recur to the memorable occasion and circumstances which challenged so powerfully this testimonial of admiration and sympathy farther than to remark, that they have created a record in the annals of our Order which will commit the names of all who were identified with them to imperishable fame.

Yours, fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
Alf. Bennett, District No. 24, Missouri,
Macon, Mo., February 18, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., Baltimore, Md.*

MY DEAR BROTHER: I have, in my library, an old volume published by my father in Utica, New York, entitled "Odd-Fellowship, its Merits and Demerits." If you have not a copy in the library of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and would let me send it to you, it would please a lover of the Order to donate it, and so add my mite to the splendid collection gathered by your efforts.

Oh! Now I would love to look in upon you in your snug quarters and feast upon the treasures accumulated.

I read in my Lodge to-night, "Bailey," No. 150, Bro. WOLLHEIM's letter to Grand Sire LOGAN, from the "Heart and Hand." We are doing nicely here.

Fraternally and respectfully,

ALF. BENNETT.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, February 24, 1873.

ALF. BENNETT, *D. D. Grand Master, District 24, Jurisdiction of Missouri.*

MY DEAR BROTHER: Yours of the 18th instant is received, and I reply that I will receive with the greatest pleasure the work entitled "Odd-Fellowship; its Merits and Demerits," published by your father, in Utica, New York, as a contribution on your part to the library of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and will take occasion to make public acknowledgment therefor. I am glad to hear you appreciate the library so highly, as it assures me that your love for Odd-Fellowship is profound and sincere. The only care I now have for it, is its preservation from fire, which gives me much concern. With the aid of a brother in New Jersey, I hope to succeed in getting up a duplicate, in so far as the journals of the several jurisdictions are attainable. Should we have success, we shall be in a comparatively advantageous position in this respect. I have sincere pleasure in hearing of the prosperity of the Order in your charge, and congratulate the Grand Master on having so efficient and zealous a deputy

Yours, very truly,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

NEW YORK, January 25, 1873.

To CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, *M. W. Grand Sire Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

The undersigned, your petitioner, residing in the city of New York, a member of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, in good and regular standing, a Past Grand of Beacon Lodge, No. 67, and a member of Lebanon Encampment, No. 12, of New York city, respectfully represents that he will (P. P.) leave New York on the 23d day of February, 1873, to reside in Brazil, South America, and will first open a place of business at Rio de Janeiro; and believing that, as he will have occasion to make a general

acquaintance with its people in the principal cities of South America, and that it will be in his power to render valuable aid (as he believes) in establishing the Order in that country, and being already conversant with their language; therefore, should you deem it advisable to invest your petitioner with power to communicate the work and degrees of our Order for the purpose of opening Lodges and propagating the same in that country, he pledges himself at all times, and in all places, that he will faithfully represent the interests of the "Independent Order of Odd-Fellows," and will cheerfully comply with the requirements of the constitution, edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States. And your petitioner will ever pray. Respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.,

BENJAMIN S. HILL,
17 *Park Place.*
Residence, 255 *4th Avenue.* *P. O. Box* 1261.

We, the undersigned, members of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, are personally acquainted with the above named BENJAMIN S. HILL, and believe he is capable of performing all he proposes, therefore cheerfully endorse his petition and recommend him to your favorable consideration.

JOHN MEDOLE,
Grand Representative.
ROYAL G. MILLARD,
Past Grand Representative.
C. V. CLARK,
Grand Secretary.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, February 10, 1873.

BENJAMIN S. HILL, Esq.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your communication to the Grand Sire, dated January 25, 1873, has been placed in my hands, with instructions to say to you that whilst the Grand Sire is penetrated with the most sincere desire to see our beloved Order disseminated throughout the world, he cannot venture in the gratification of that wish to assume extraordinary powers not warranted by the constitution. He is willing, however, following the precedent set in the introduction of the Order into Germanic Europe, to issue a commission to you to institute one or more Lodges in South America, (Peru excepted,) provided that after you shall have visited that country and made proper observation you shall be of opinion that our Order may be safely established there. To that end I am directed to propound one or two preliminary questions, upon receiving satisfactory answers to which I am authorized to issue the proper commission.

1. Are you in possession of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees, or either?
2. Are you sufficiently familiar with the secret or unwritten work of the initiatory and five degrees to instruct therein with accuracy and precision?
3. Do you know anything of the laws of the country in relation to secret societies, especially those of foreign origin?
4. Would you be willing first to obtain authority from the proper parties to institute a Lodge before entering upon such service?
5. Do you think it would be better to make your inquiries and observations first and your application for authority hereafter, or would it be better to go out clothed with authority to act, if found expedient?

Reply categorically and promptly.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

NEW YORK, June 9, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,
R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary,
Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your favor of the 13th February last came to hand in due time. In consequence of the yellow fever having again made its appearance in Rio de Janeiro, our company were unwilling to risk my going until it abated. Although I felt no fear myself of proceeding there at once, I having been acclimated in the West Indies during the most severe epidemic in 1861–2. So soon as I do go I will advise you and also the Grand Sire of my movements. I enclose herewith my answers to the questions propounded by you, which I presume are satisfactory.

Fraternally yours,

BENJAMIN S. HILL,
No. 255 Fourth Avenue, New York.

First question. Are you in possession of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment degrees, or either?

Answer. I *am* in possession of the Grand Lodge degrees. I *am not* in possession of the Grand Encampment degrees. I *am* in possession of the three degrees of the Encampment, P., G. R. and R. P.

Second question. Are you sufficiently familiar with the secret work of the initiatory and five degrees to instruct therein with accuracy and precision?

Answer. I *am* perfectly familiar and in memory with the *entire* unwritten and written work and ceremonies of the initiatory. I *am* perfectly familiar with the five degrees, and have made them a special study for the benefit of our Lodge in particular. I *am* in possession of the Past Official degrees.

Third question. Do you know anything of the laws of the country in relation to secret societies, especially those of foreign origin?

Answer. Countries directly subordinate to Spanish government have heretofore, like the West Indies, prohibited the assembling in secret for any purpose; at the same time I know of my own knowledge that some of the highest officials there and also the priesthood are members of the Masonic fraternity, and I have there met with them. In the South American and Central States of South America, almost without exception, Masonry is tolerated, notwithstanding the priesthood are opposed to it, still *their* power is lessening every hour. I have made inquiries of parties here who represent those countries, and am informed that there will be no trouble on that ground, provided the dignitaries are enlisted in the enterprise, as is the case in Masonry.

Fourth question. Would you be willing first to obtain authority from the proper parties to establish a Lodge before entering upon such service?

Answer. Certainly I would be willing.

Fifth question. Do you think it would be better to make your inquiries and observations first, and your application for authority afterward, or would it be better to go out clothed with authority to act if found expedient?

Answer. I am satisfied it would be advisable first to investigate the situation as to government requirements, the feasibility of establishing the Order, &c., and then communicate to you.

Fraternally yours,

BENJAMIN S. HILL.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
No. 820 *Spruce Street*,
Philadelphia, February 3, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Corresponding and Recording Secretary*
R. W. Grand Lodge United States, Baltimore, Md.

MY FRIEND AND BROTHER: The very deep interest I have long felt in the history of Odd-Fellowship, and the pleasure of a personal acquaintance of more than a quarter of a century, induces me to address you as both a brother and a friend. I am anxious to secure, for preservation in this library, any and every thing, either manuscripts or printed matter, which will throw any light on the rise, progress and present extent of Odd-Fellowship, and I have presumed you would esteem it a pleasure to favor us with such duplicate publications as you may have at your disposal. Much of the history of the Order has been written during our pilgrimage; indeed it has been intimately identified with your own eventful life.

Many of those who were our most active and influential associates a quarter of a century ago, and whose lives have been living epistles read and known of all men, have gone home. MARLEY, BAYLEY, and others who were our advisers and inciters to good words and works, have left us. How very dear and precious to our hearts is the memory of BAYLEY; his benignant and gracious presence was always a blessing, illustrating his tenderness and loving kindness for all. A sketch of Odd-Fellowship would be singularly incomplete without an allusion to his connection with this great movement. Herein he was one of our pioneers and acquired an enviable reputation. His philanthrophy was of the purest and most enlarged type, and no assemblage of the Order in Maryland was complete without his presence. While he was true to his own flesh and blood, he was yet everybody's friend. His whole life was a benediction for which we thank God. Pray excuse my prolixity, bear in mind my request, and believe me

Always yours in the best of bonds,

JAMES SHRIGLEY, *Librarian.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, February 4, 1873.

MY DEAR BROTHER SHRIGLEY: Yours of the 3d instant is at hand, and I can assure you that it, as if by electric power, awakened old memories. I remember you well as the successor of Rev. OTIS A. SKINNER, and as the active and zealous Odd-Fellow of Washington Lodge, No. 1, the friend and associate of the amiable and good BAYLEY, now gone to his reward. It will afford me the greatest pleasure to supply the Historical Society of Pennsylvania with every document in our archives which relates to the history of American Odd-Fellowship, now cosmopolitan, and yet a denizen of the word. I regret to say that the two most valuable and elaborate works, which embrace almost every important fact in the origin and progress of the institution, viz., revised Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States from 1821 to 1872 inclusive, in seven volumes, octavo, and White's Digest of the laws and decisions, in one volume, octavo, 1870, are each beyond my control to donate to your society; but I am very confident that the mere suggestion of your request made to one of your Grand Representatives, or to Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, will lead to the prompt introduction and passage of a resolution in the Grand Lodge of the United States directing me to make the presentation of both works. Several precedents are on record of this character. First, to the library of Harvard University, Cambridge; second to Yale College, New Haven; and, third, to

the Maryland Historical Society. I now send the Journal of the last session, 1872, and the Eulogy pronounced upon the life and character of THOS. WILDEY, and a Tract on Odd-Fellowship, *What is It?* From these works and from the Initiatory Ritual, especially the Past Grand's Charge, you may readily imagine what course of moral and religious thought has been my guide in this pilgrimage to which you refer, conceived in the morning of my life, and cherished with tenacious grasp in its now rapid declension with as profound a conviction as truth is capable of revealing. With sentiments of sincere recognition and pleasurable remembrance,

Yours, truly, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
No. 820 *Spruce Street*,
Philadelphia, February 6, 1873.

To JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Secretary*
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR: I am directed by the society to communicate to you their thanks for a copy of the proceedings of annual communication of R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., 1872, What is Odd-Fellowship? Eulogy on THOMAS WILDEY, by JAMES L. RIDGELY.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

JAMES SHRIGLEY, *Librarian.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 24, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Corresponding and Recording Secretary*
R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am very happy to inform you that I have dispatched the manuscript of the translation of the Ritual, &c., last Friday, to Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, New York.

I presume you have thought me to be a very slow translator, as it took me a long time before I could finish the rendition of the book above mentioned. But among the different causes of the delay there is the first and principal cause, that I was not only prevented very often from making more rapid progress by the performance of those duties which resulted from my vocation, but also by many casualties connected with it.

Besides this, I was very anxious to furnish a correct and good translation, which would satisfy the just claims of all brethren who speak the German language. And after having finished the work intrusted to me by you and the other members of your committee, I feel confident that, though my translation will not in all instances be perfect—for no man is perfect, neither are his works—it will at least satisfy those who are not only capable to decide as to correctness, purity of language, &c., but who are also not easily to be satisfied. Expecting your kind decision and advice, I remain,

Your most obedient,

CHRISTIAN HEDDAEUS.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, May 1, 1873.

A. C. BRADFORD, *M. W. Grand Master.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have been honored by HUGO WOLLHEIM, M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, with a commission, the duties of which I hasten to perform in order that the act con-

templated to be done may have its fulfilment during the approaching session of the Grand Lodge of California. At the first session of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and among its first legislative acts, after its organization at Frankfort-on-the-Main, on December 28, 1872, was the unanimous adoption of a resolution in recognition of its high sense of obligation to Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, R. W. Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California, and Past Special Deputy Grand Sire for Germanic Europe, for his persistent zeal, amidst many serious obstacles, in introducing American Odd-Fellowship in the Fatherland. This resolution, the M. W. Grand Sire, Bro. WOLLHEIM, has caused to be most elaborately engrossed, and accompanied with a splendid photographic group of the charter members of said Grand Lodge, has transmitted to me with a request that I would have the same delivered to Bro. MORSE "at such time and place, and through such instrumentality as in my judgment would be most appropriate." I have accordingly acquitted myself of this honorable service as I think most fitly, by transmitting to you, as the M. W. Grand Master of California, these beautiful testimonials of the love and gratitude of our German brethren, to be presented during the annual session of the Grand Lodge of California, about to assemble in San Francisco.

I cannot permit the occasion to pass without remarking in this connection, as a matter of historic interest, that from my personal experience in this whole matter, by reason of my intimate "official" relations to the subject and with the special missionary to whose diplomatic skill and judgment this grave and important office was committed, that to Bro. MORSE almost exclusively is due the introduction of our Order into Germany. Well therefore has the Grand Lodge of the German Empire honored itself by honoring the illustrious author of so worthy and meritorious a service.

With sentiments of profound respect for the Order over which you preside with so much efficiency, utility and fidelity, and sincere esteem for you personally, I beg to be, and remain,

Yours respectfully,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF THE R. W. G. L.
of the State of California,
San Francisco, May 14, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your letter of the 1st inst., transmitting to me a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, in recognition of its high sense of obligation to Bro. JOHN F. MORSE, Past Special Deputy Grand Sire for the Germanic Empire, for his persistent zeal in introducing Odd-Fellowship in the Fatherland, and accompanied by a photographic group of the charter members of the said Grand Lodge, was this day received.

I avail myself of the first opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to assure you of the great pleasure I feel in being honored as the medium to present to so distinguished a champion of our principles as Bro. MORSE, these splendid trophies of a peaceful victory in the establishment of our Order in Germany.

It is a great event, and the Odd-Fellows of the Golden State, with the brotherhood generally, hope and trust that the genial and glorious influences which are beginning and will continue to flow from it, will by and

by lead the nations of Europe to beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruning hooks, and never learn war any more.

Allow me to state, in accordance with your suggestion, that the presentation will be made to Bro. MORSE to-morrow evening, in the presence of the Grand Lodge of California, now in session.

Past Grand Sire FARNSWORTH, now residing in this State, and under whose administration the German Mission was inaugurated, will be present on that happy occasion.

Permit me to say also, that there is general regret among the Representatives in this Grand Body that the accomplished Secretary who transmitted these interesting historic mementoes cannot make one of the number.

With sentiments of great respect, and with my best wishes for your continued good health and happiness,

I remain, fraternally yours,

A. C. BRADFORD,
Grand Master, California.

I. O. O. F.
ROOMS RELIEF COMMITTEE, ROOMS 19 AND 20,
No. 132 *La Salle Street*,
Chicago, June 10, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary G. L. U. S.,
Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: We send you this day by express a package of the financial report of the Chicago Relief Committee, Independent Order Odd-Fellows, one copy for distribution to each Lodge and Encampment subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, one copy for each subordinate of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; also four copies bound in morocco, one for the library of the Grand Lodge of the United States, one for Hon. C. A. LOGAN, M. W. Grand Sire, one for F. D. STUART, late Grand Sire, and one for yourself, all of which please transmit at your convenience to the parties named, and thereby add one more to the many fraternal courtesies extended to the committee.

We have sent through the proper officers of Grand Bodies a copy of said report to every Lodge and Encampment in the world, believing that this grand illustration of the principles of Odd-Fellowship will stir the hearts of the fraternity at large, and will incite to more glorious deeds of beneficence in coming time.

We cannot refrain from expressing our profound gratitude for the prompt, powerful and continued assistance we have received in the discharge of our perplexing duties from the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and especially from its Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.

Unanimous in our desire to dedicate the volume to yourself, we were unable to command language adequate to express the sentiment of respect and love we entertain.

Trusting that the balmy breath of June may refresh and invigorate you, we fervently join in the loving wish of the poet for his friend, "*Serus in cælum redeas.*"

Fraternally yours,

J. WARD ELLIS,
JNO. G. ROGERS,
E. B. SHERMAN,
Chicago Relief Committee.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, June 22, 1873.

J. WARD ELLIS, JOHN G. ROGERS, E. B. SHERMAN, Esqrs.
Chicago Relief Committee.

MY DEAR BROTHERS: Yours of 10th instant, advising me of transmission per express of package containing a copy of the final report of the Chicago Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., for distribution to each Lodge and Encampment under this immediate jurisdiction; also one copy for each subordinate of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; also four copies, bound in morocco, one for the library of the Grand Lodge of the United States, one for the Hon. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, M. W. Grand Sire, one for FREDERICK D. STUART, Past Grand Sire, and one for the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, is this day received. I shall have the greatest pleasure in giving these several copies of this most valuable work a prompt delivery. Without being in possession of the special reasons which influenced the honorable the committee to change the original project in relation to the "Memorial Book," designed to have been constructed out of the massive material accumulated in that connection, I am fully persuaded that they have disposed of this grave subject upon due deliberation, to the best of their judgment, as well as to the true interests of the Order. While it is in my humble opinion greatly to be regretted that the elaborate first design was departed from, it is a source of the highest gratification that our brethren of that committee have given to us the present splendid volume, which contributes so largely to our literature, as well as to the historic material of the Order. It is, in fact, a rich and exhaustless treasure to our posterity.

The affectionate and golden words of deference in which the committee have addressed the volume to my humble self, have filled me with profound gratitude. To be the recipient of so graceful an honor is truly a source of honest pride, and I confess to the fullness of my pleasure in this regard. Would that my work was less barren of fruit in a field so superabundant of rich material, and was more proportionate to the magnitude of the compliment. I return to the committee my grateful acknowledgments for so distinguished and unmerited a praise, praying earnestly that no dark shadow from the life yet before me, may be cast upon so honorable and interesting a page of our history.

For the beautiful bound copy of the volume especially presented to me, I also give profound thanks, regarding the work as the greatest acquisition to our archives which the age has supplied.

I have already acquitted myself of my duty in giving proper delivery to the several other bound copies confided to my care, and will dispatch those otherwise destined, in conformity to the direction given.

I have the honor to be, with the highest appreciation of the praise due to the honorable the committee, for their most able and accomplished work.

Very truly, yours, JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

Copy of letter from W. DONALDSON, Recording Secretary of Ohio Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Jurisdiction of Ohio, dated Cincinnati. August 11th, 1873:

HALL OF OHIO LODGE, No. 1, I. O. O. F.
Cincinnati, August 11th, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *R. W. Grand Secretary*
Grand Lodge of the United States, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Some time since we corresponded with Grand Secretary EARL in regard to an expelled member of our Lodge, named * * who we understood was instituting Lodges in Germany. In his answer he

says he placed the subject in your hands. Our Lodge is anxious to know what has been done in the matter, and would be obliged for any information on the subject. Trusting to hear from you at an early date, we are,

Yours, in F., L. and T.,

W. DONALDSON, *Recording Secretary*,
Ohio Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, August 14th, 1873.

W. DONALDSON, *Recording Secretary*
Ohio Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., Jurisdiction of Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In reply to yours of 11th inst., I hasten to say that Bro. EARL's letter communicating the information, with yours to him touching the subject referred to, was transmitted immediately upon its receipt to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, Bro. OTTO SCHAETTLE, Gross Secretar, Schiller Strasse 33, Stuttgart, Wurttemberg. I have this day also forwarded yours to Grand Sire WOLLHEIM.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, August 14th, 1873.

HUGO WOLLHEIM, *M. W. Grand Sire*
Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The letter from Grand Secretary EARL, of Ohio, to which reference is made in the enclosed from Bro. W. DONALDSON, Recording Secretary of Ohio Lodge, No. 1, at Cincinnati, Ohio, was transmitted to Grand Secretary SCHAETTLE, and having no reply or acknowledgment, I now send to you a letter of inquiry touching the subject from Recording Secretary DONALDSON, in the hope that if the letter of Bro. EARL has not reached its destination, the present information will be in time for good service. It is much to be regretted that more special information is not given as to the approximate locality in which the party, ... is supposed to be operating. I can well perceive how such an enterprize might be entered upon on the basis of the English Lodge system, where mine host is accustomed to strengthen his till by an adjunct of this sort; but it can scarcely be possible that in Germany, where Odd-Fellowship is a literal reflex of its parent in its entire system, that any attempt to establish spurious lodges could succeed. I am anxiously awaiting advice from you conveying detailed information of the Order under your jurisdiction, to be used in my annual report. No communication from the Grand Sire, or from this office, will give greater pleasure to the Grand Representatives. My health, although not such as I should be glad to boast of, is measurably good. I hope to be equal to the onerous duties of the rapidly approaching session. I have had no word from the Grand Sire personally. I learn from the New York Herald that he reached Chile safely, and was most cordially welcomed by the officials of Peru and the American residents. From Americans, who are returning from their European sojourn, I have the most gratifying reports of their visits to German Lodges, of the cordiality of their reception, and of the wonderful proficiency displayed in the work. This testimony is very general, yea, universal, and affords the

highest reward which could have been expected for the persistent and earnest labors of yourself and numerous coadjutors in so good a cause. I shall not fail to keep you advised of every important step of progress; you may expect advance copies of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretery's reports, the former of which I am now daily expecting from Chile. The daily Journal will be mailed to you at the close of the session, so that you will have the continuous record. Excuse brevity, as I am in the midst of labor.

With sentiments of earnest friendship and profound personal esteem, I am your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. S.*

CHARTERS IN THE SAFE, GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

BALTIMORE, MD.

Washington Lodge, No. 1, Baltimore, dated February 1st, 1820.
Columbia Lodge, No. .., Brooklyn, N. Y., dated November 14th, 1822.
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated June 13th, 1823.
Grand Lodge of America, dated May 15th, 1826.
Good Samaritan Lodge, Taunton, Massachusetts, dated December 7th, 1826.
Encampment of Patriarchs, Maryland, dated May 30th, 1827.
Stranger's Refuge Lodge, New York, dated January 22d, 1827.
Benevolent Lodge, No. .., Paterson, New Jersey, (granted by Stranger's Refuge Lodge, No. 4, New York,) dated October 18th, 1828.
Grand Lodge of New York, dated May 4th, 1829.
Friendly Union Lodge, No. 1, Providence, R. I., dated June 13th, 1829.
Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, dated June 16th, 1829.
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts—not complete, (perfect copy; original returned to Massachusetts, 1871,) dated July 16th, 1829.
Merrimac Lodge, No. 7, Lowell, Mass., dated September 18th, 1829.
Ohio Lodge, No. 1, dated October 2d, 1830.
Grand Lodge of Delaware, dated June 20th, 1831.
Delaware Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, by Grand Lodge of Delaware, dated June 27th, 1831.
Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Mineral Point County, Iowa, dated August 3d, 1838.
Lafayette Lodge, No. 2, Mineral Point Co., Iowa, dated August 6th, 1838.

BOOKS AND MSS. OF THE WORK OF THE ORDER IN THE SAFE,

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BALTIMORE, MD.

Lectures and Charges, Grand Lodge Maryland and United States, (2 copies,) 1820.
General Laws of the Washington Lodge, No. 1, Baltimore, Md., 1823.
Constitution, Regulations and Charges, Grand Lodge of Pennsylv'a, 1826.
Lectures, Charges and Regulations, Subordinate Encampment, 1828.
Regulations and Charges, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1830.
Lectures and Charges of the Degrees, 1833.
Original MSS., Unwritten Work, reported by Howell Hopkins, Past Grand Sire of Pennsylvania, 1834.
MSS., O. B. N., of the Five Degrees of Odd-Fellowship, (2 copies,) 1834.
Lectures, Manchester Unity, and Supplement, 1834.
Exposure of Odd-Fellowship, by a Past Grand, 1835.

Lectures, Regulations and Charges, Subordinate Encampment, (2 copies,) 1836.
Lectures, Regulations and Charges, Subordinate Lodge, 1836.
Gros Loge, (German,) 1837.
German Pamphlet and Charges, 1837.
Minutes and Laws, Manchester Unity, 1838.
Lectures and Charges, (French,) also Degree Book, 1840.
Lectures and Charges, (German,) 3 copies, 1841.
Lectures and Charges, (French,) 1841.
Laws for the Government, I. O. O F., M. U., 1841.
Lectures and Charges des Grades, (Buffalo,) 1841.
Lectures and Charges des Grades, (Buffalo,) 1843.
Lectures and Charges, Subordinate Lodge, (French,) 1843.
Form of Installation, Subordinate Lodge, 1843.
Rules and Regulations for Grand Encampment, (2 copies,) 1843.
Charges and Regulations, Constituting Encampments, 1843.
Original Report of the Work, 1845, present Ritual.
Printed Copies of the Lectures, Charges and Degrees, Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and Grand and Subordinate Encampments, 1845.
Lectures and Charges, Explanatory, Subordinate Lodge Degrees, 1846.
Regulations for the Installation and Institution of Subord. Lodges, 1846.
Regulations, Opening and Closing and Conducting Business in Subordinate Lodges, 1848.
Lectures and Charges, Explanatory, Subordinate Lodge Degrees, 1849.
Regulations for Instituting, and Installation, Encampments, 1849.
Regulations, Charges and Lectures of the Order, Pennsylvania, 1849.
Degree of Rebekah, 1851.
Degrees of Subordinate Lodge, (French,) 1853.
Form of Initiation, (French,) 1853.
Installation of Officers, Grand Lodge of the United States, 1853.
Subordinate Encampment Work, (French,) 1854.
Original Book of Diagrams of the Work of the Order, by Charles Wolford, Past Grand, of Kentucky, 1854.
Revised Unwritten Work of the Order, by Fred. D. Stuart, Past Grand Sire, of District of Columbia, (four copies,) 1857.
Photographed Diagrams of the Work of the Order, by Fred. D. Stuart, Past Grand Sire, of District of Columbia, (three copies,) 1867.
Revised Charge Book, 1872.
A number of MSS. reports, including Degree of Rebekah, Initiatory Form; Form of Opening and Closing Lodges and Encampments; Instituting Grand and Subordinate Lodges; Dedicating Odd-Fellows' Halls; Laying Corner-Stones, and Emblems of the Order.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the report was referred to a special committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects referred to therein, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Committee to Distribute the subjects in Grand Secretary's Report.—P. G. Sires ELLISON, of Massachusetts; NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania; SANDERS, of New York; FARNSWORTH, of Tennessee; STUART, of District of Columbia.

The Chair named the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. WHITE, of New York; McLEAN, of District of Columbia; BARBER, of Mississippi; CURRY, of Ken-

tucky; OLNEY, of Rhode Island; SIDES, of Michigan; WILSON, of Lousiana; JAY, of Colorado; COX, of Maryland.

Judiciary Committee.—Reps. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania; GLENN, of Georgia; DOWDEN, of Kentucky; PRICE, of Massachusetts; BRUGMAN, of Arkansas; MARIS, of Delaware; MCCRANEY, of Iowa; CLARK, of Vermont; RYAN, of Wisconsin.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; WILCOX, of Tennessee; TOMPKINS, of Alabama; HAMILTON, of New York; WHITE, of Nevada; GALES, of North Carolina; EDWARDS, of West Virginia; RICHARDSON, of Texas; HARTSHORN, of New Hampshire.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; HARRIS, of New Jersey; MEDOLE, of New York; ESTEE, of California; SMITH, of Illinois; EMPIE, of Kansas; YORSTON, of Lower Provinces, B. N. A.; TILLOTSON, of Michigan; NOLTNER, of Oregon.

Committee of Appeals.—Reps. PORTER, of California; WOODYATT, of Ontario; LEBBY, of South Carolina; DAMON, of Florida; HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; BEHARRELL, of Indiana; CRANE, of New Jersey; MILTON, of Mississippi; JONES, of Nebraska.

Committee on Foreign Relations.—Reps. HARMON, of California; NEWELL, of New Jersey; DASHIELL, of Texas; RANKIN, of Michigan; ROBINSON, of Virginia; LIBBY, of Missouri; MCQUIDDY, of Indiana.

Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.—Reps. ROSS, of New Jersey; CARTER, of Ohio; LANGWORTHY, of Wisconsin; SEHORN, of Tennessee; BIXBY, of Minnesota; BAKER, of Delaware; POND, of Connecticut.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. BARROWS, of Mississippi; MOORE of Iowa; HOMES, of Louisiana; SPEAR, of Maryland; SMART, of New Hampshire; REEVES, of West Virginia; SPECK, of Kansas.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. LATHAM, of Virginia; SARGENT, of Maine; TRAPP, of Kentucky; NEEDLES, of Illinois; SCHWATKA, of Oregon; TURNER, of Ohio; MILLER, of Rhode Island.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. ALEXANDER, of Illinois; HAMLIN, of Nebraska; JOHNSON, of Arkansas; BUNDY, of Connecticut; SHIPLEY, of Missouri; FOULK, of Delaware; PALMER, of Michigan.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. EARL, of Ohio; HANNA, of Kansas; HAMLIN, of Massachusetts; MOULTON, of New Hampshire; HAMMOND, of Nevada; PURVES, of Ontario; WASHBURN, of Tennessee.

Committee on Grand Bodies Not Represented.—Reps. DE WOLF, of Indiana-DYER, of Vermont; MADDEN, of New York; NEALLEY, of Maine.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia; MONROE, of Indiana; RANDALL, of California; GREENLEAF-of Massachusetts; DODGE, of Rhode Island.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. WOODWARD, of Missouri; SHIELDS, of Alabama; RAWLINGS, of Maryland; TYSON, of Georgia; JACKSON, of Minnesota.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Reps. MANSUR, of Missouri; EDWARDS, of West Virginia; BEALL, of Kentucky; CLINE, of Nebraska, NUNGESSER, of Louisiana.

Committee on Education and Kindred Subjects.—Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin; GIVEN, of District of Columbia; HARTMAN, of Iowa; JONES, of New Hampshire.

Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship.—Reps. McKINSTRY, of Alabama; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; PORTER, of Massachusetts; LINDENBERG, of Ohio; TICKNOR, of Illinois.

Rep. McKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the Committee on History of Odd-Fellowship, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship beg leave to report that they find there is an abundance of material from which may be obtained a very full history of the Order. And all that is now necessary to be done is for the Grand Lodge to direct the manner in which the work shall be performed.

The material exists in the books, works, papers, records, &c., which are in the Library of this Grand Lodge, and upon their being carefully examined will be found to contain a body of matter rarely to be found in reference to any institution under similar conditions. The list is set forth in full on pages 5621 to 5630 and 5759, 5760 of Grand Secretary's report, 1873.

Past Grand Sire KENNEDY had collected, and to some extent collated, very full notes and memoranda as to the Historical and Biographical portions of the subject. And Grand Secretary RIDGELY has at his command and within his knowledge an amount of information which, with information to be obtained from the subordinates, and the assistance of our living brothers, will enable the Grand Lodge to procure a complete and excellent history of Odd-Fellowship.

Past Grand Sire KENNEDY has departed this life since our last meeting, and your committee deem it of importance that the notes, memoranda and papers left by him, be procured for this Grand Lodge. His widow has placed them in a condition by which they are preserved for that purpose.

Your committee are of the opinion that a work should be prepared, containing a complete history of Odd-Fellowship, treating of its popular, moral, practical, general, local, legislative, judicial, executive, and biographical details.

That the object contemplated is one requiring the personal attention of some person or persons who shall be at once competent for the task, and so situated as to be able faithfully to perform it. In their opinion a committee, no matter how constituted, can only point out, supervise and direct the way, and that the work can be best done by a single individual.

Such a person, acting under your authority, and subject to your annual superintendence and control, would very soon accomplish all that may be desired. They therefore propose the following resolutions for your adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Recording and Correspoding Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELY, be and is hereby appointed "Historiographer" for this body, whose duty it shall be to assume and exercise all the powers, and perform all the duties devolved upon the committee on "The History of Odd-Fellowship," (see Journal 5560.) And in addition thereto to write, or cause to be written, "a History of Odd-Fellowship."

2. *Resolved*, That it shall be and is hereby declared to be the duty of each and every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and every member thereof under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to furnish to the said Historiographer, all information, books, papers, charts, plats, records, &c., as may be procured for the purpose of aiding in the making up and preparing a history of Odd-Fellowship, and that it shall be the duty of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment to require of and from each and every of their subordinates and members, the performance of these duties.

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of ..... dollars be and the same is hereby

appropriated for the payment of the expenses attendant upon the performance of the duties imposed upon said officer, including such compensation as may be paid from time to time for his services, and for which he may be called upon to pay for the services of other persons who may be employed to aid him in the performance of his duties.

4. *Resolved*, That the said Historiographer shall be required to make an annual report of his acts and doings as such at every annual session of this body. And this committee shall consider said report, and recommend such action on those matters to this Grand Body as they may deem proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F. L. & T.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S. TICKNOR,
THOS. C. PORTER,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
HENRY LINDENBERG.

The jurisdictions were now called in order for business, when

Rep. HARMON, of California, under instruction from the Grand Lodge of California, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

The Constitution of a Subordinate Lodge provides:

"Section 3. No member shall be put upon trial unless charges duly specifying the offence, so as fully to apprise him of the nature thereof, and to enable him to prepare for his defence, shall be submitted to the Lodge in writing, and signed by a member of a Lodge within this jurisdiction, and a copy thereof, under the seal of the Lodge, be served upon him."

The By-Laws of said Lodge also provide, "Section 1, for the payment of benefits to its members in case of illness; *provided*, such illness or disability does not result from his immoral conduct."

A member of said Lodge became disabled, and benefits were refused him under said by-laws, section 1, but no charge was preferred against him, under said section 3, of the Constitution.

Question. "Is it lawful for said Lodge under any circumstances to refuse to pay said brother's benefits during said disability, because of immoral conduct, without charges, trial and conviction under said section 1 of the Constitution?"

Rep. PORTER, of California, under instruction of the Grand Encampment of California, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. PORTER, of California, seconded by Reps. HARCOURT, of Texas; WILCOX, of Tennessee; GLENN, of Georgia; WASHBURN, of Tennessee, and EDWARDS, of W. Virginia.

Amend Article I, Sections 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 2. "It is the source of all true and legitimate jurisdiction relating to Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America, and possesses such powers over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of the Order. Its authority extends also to such Lodges as may be organized under its charter in foreign countries."

SEC. 3. "By virtue of charters granted by it, all State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges exist, and with it rests the power, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, to deprive such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges of their charters, and to annul their authority; *provided*, that

such deprivation or annulment shall only be made for violation of the laws of this Grand Lodge. No more than one Grand Lodge shall be chartered in any State, District or Territory. All Grand Lodges working under charters granted by this Grand Lodge are supreme for all local legislation and appellate jurisdiction within their respective limits, except as hereinafter provided."

SEC. 4. "With the consent of the Grand Lodge of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge all its effects, appeals from its decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge shall be final, unless reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom."

SEC. 7. "To this Grand Lodge belongs the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges in such countries, domestic or foreign, as are without Grand Lodges."

SEC. 9. "All power and authority in the Order, not reserved to this Grand Lodge by this Constitution, is hereby vested in the various State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges."

Add to Article I the following:

SEC. 10. "The number of degrees pertaining to Subordinate Lodges shall be *nine*, and shall be designated as follows: The Initiatory, the First or White, the Second or Covenant, the Third or Blue, the Fourth or Remembrance, the Fifth or Scarlet, the Sixth or Patriarchal, the Seventh or Golden Rule, and the Eighth or Royal Purple, and all Subordinate and Degree Lodges are authorized to confer said degrees.

Amend Article II so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. "This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: a Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger, and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges, working under legal unreclaimed charters granted by this Grand Lodge."

Amend Article IV, Sections 1 and 2, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. "The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided, other than upon a ballot for officers, but shall not vote on any other occasion. He shall appoint all committees not required to be raised by ballot, and appoint all District Deputy Grand Sires. During the recess of this Grand Lodge he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order. He may hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges, or by the Subordinate Lodges, under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. He may hear and decide such questions, other than the questions arising out of the Constitutions of the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges, as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges, or by the Grand Masters thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges, under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and his decisions upon all appeals and questions so submitted to him shall be binding upon the Lodges or persons submitting the same, until reversed by this Grand Lodge. He is empowered to receive petitions and grant warrants for the opening of new Lodges, Grand or Subordinate, in places where Grand Lodges established by this Grand Lodge may not exist; and all warrants so granted by him shall be of force until recalled by this Grand Lodge. At every session of this Grand Lodge he shall submit a report in writing of all his official acts and decisions during the recess."

SEC. 2. "During his term of service he shall not hold any office in any State, District or Territorial Grand or Subordinate Lodge."

Amend Article VI so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. "The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; keep the journal of all secret sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work, and such alterations as may, from time to time, be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and records relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between this Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and communications; carry on, under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, its correspondence, and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him, officially, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine."

Amend Article IX, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. "Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodge for the term of two years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated annually by rotation; and if vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge."

SEC. 2. "Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, one additional Representative for every additional one thousand members; *provided*, that no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge shall have more than four Grand Representatives."

SEC. 3. "A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple degree, and reside in the State, District or Territory in which the Grand Lodge which he represents is located."

SEC. 4. "Grand Representatives shall be furnished, by the Grand Lodges which they represent, with such certificates as shall be required by law."

Amend Article XI, Section 3, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 3. "Suspension or expulsion from the Subordinate Lodge to which an officer or member of this Grand Lodge belongs, shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from office or membership in this Grand Lodge, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore prescribed."

Amend Article XIII, Section 1, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. "Representatives from a majority of the whole number of State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may receive and act upon the credentials of new members, except in contested elections."

Amend Article XIV so as to read as follows.

1. "Fees for charters of Grand, or Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars."

2. "Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges, seventy-five dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge."

3. "Dues from Subordinate Lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, ten per cent. on their receipts."

Amend Article XV, Section 1, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. "To be an officer of this Grand Lodge, one nominated must have received the Grand Lodge degree, and be a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge in good standing."

Amend Article XVI, Sections 1, 3 and 4, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. "The members of the Order from each State, District or Territory, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to admission into the Lodges of every other State, District or Territory upon proving themselves according to the established work of the Order, and the production of a proper card."

SEC. 3. "No citizen of one State, District or Territory, wherein Lodges are established, shall be admitted to membership in a Lodge of another State, District or Territory without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of the State, District or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident."

SEC. 4. "A member of the Order, suspended or expelled from a Lodge in a State, District or Territory, shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge in another State, District or Territory, without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge from which he is suspended or expelled; *provided, however*, that when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges, not able to get a card; it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it."

Amend Article XX so as to read as follows:

"This Constitution, and the By-Laws which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the Order, and be binding upon the State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; *provided*, that none of the amendments herewith proposed and submitted, except said Section 10 of Article I, shall go into operation until two years from the 1st of January next after the adoption of such amendments; *and provided*, that said Section 10 of Article I shall not go into operation until one year from the 1st day of January next after its adoption."

Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Constitutions be requested, if practicable, to embrace in one report all matters referred to it.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Petitions be requested, if practicable, to embrace in one report all matters referred to it.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States use their utmost endeavors to have the next Annual Communication of that Grand Body held in the State of Georgia.

Also the following resolution, which, at his instance, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the next Annual Communication of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge be held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia.

Rep. GOW, of Georgia, presented the appeal of P. G. WINN, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to take into consideration the subject matter contained in the following resolution, and, if deemed expedient, report suitable legislation thereon.

Resolved, That when a member of an Encampment, in good standing, is sick or disabled and under care of and receiving benefits from the Encampment, his membership therein shall not be affected during the continuation of said sickness or disability, although the Subordinate Lodge of which he was a member may have ceased to exist, by reason of a surrender or forfeiture of its charter.

Rep. COX, of Maryland, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and are hereby instructed to vote against the amendment to the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, offered by Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, on page 5488 Journal of 1872, which amendment is intended to make it a qualification of representatives in that body, that they shall be Past Chief Patriarchs.

The hour of 12.30 having arrived, the Lodge, by order of the Chair receded from business for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge reassembled, when the call of jurisdictions was resumed.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, presented the appeal of Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, from the decision of the Grand Encampment of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, presented the appeal of W. H. BARNES, P. G. M., of New York, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, presented a petition from a number of brothers of New York, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall be allowed six cents per mile in coming to and going from this Grand Lodge, to be computed by the nearest travel route, and five dollars per day while in session.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, presented the appeal of ED. CROSTON, of Ohio, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of S. F. GWINNER, P. G. M., of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, additional papers in the case of the appeal of Pacific Lodge, No. 200, of Pennsylvania, in connection with which he offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Appeals in the case of the appeal of Pacific Lodge, No. 200, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, found on page 5526 of the printed Journal, be recommitted to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; also, the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, submitted a form of Funeral Ceremony, accompanied with the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the accompanying form of Funeral Procession, Regalia and Ceremony, together with all that may be submitted, be referred to a special committee of three, with instructions to report back at as early a day, of the present session, as practicable, such a form as they may think

worthy of the consideration of this Grand Lodge; the various forms so referred neither to be printed nor to appear in the minutes, unless reported back by the said committee for adoption.

The Chair named the following as the committee provided for by the resolution:

Reps. WILCOX, of Tennessee; MCKINSTRY, of Alabama; and JONES, of New Hampshire.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the assistant of the Grand Secretary be directed to procure a suitable chair and platform for the use of the R. W. Grand Messenger, said chair and platform to be located on the left of the platform of the M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. EDWARDS, of West Virginia, presented the appeal of SAMUEL F. FARIS, from the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be directed to have postage stamps placed upon all documents which the Representatives, Officers and Past Grand Sires of the Grand Lodge may be authorized to forward by mail during the present session of the Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, moved to lay it on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. BEHARRELL, of Indiana, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to examine the enquiry submitted by Rep. THOS. SPOONER, of Ohio, page 1198 of the Journal of Proceedings of 1848, with the action thereon, page 1245, compare the same as arranged in the edition of 1853 of the Digest of the Laws and Legislation of this R. W. Grand Body as paragraph three under the caption *Officers of Subordinate Lodges*, and to report whether said enquiry and action does not relate solely to officers of *State Grand Bodies*, and not to those of Subordinate Lodges.

Also, submitted the following, which was laid on the table:

The Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction of Indiana, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana, have unanimously asked for the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to be held in the city of Indianapolis.

Rep. WOODWARD, of Missouri, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the session of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, held May, 1873, the following preamble and resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS this Grand Body has passed a resolution in favor of the adoption by the Grand Lodge of the United States of a uniform parade dress for the entire body of Patriarchs under its jurisdiction;

Resolved, That the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe be appointed a committee to prepare a memorial expressive of the wishes of this body on the subject, under the seal thereof, the same to be presented by the Grand Representatives at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In presenting this memorial, we respectfully and earnestly call the attention of your Right Worthy Body to the importance of a prescribed style of parade dress for the entire body of Patriarchs.

The law at present leaves the question entirely to the State jurisdictions, and will undoubtedly result in endless confusion. It is the conviction of your memorialists that any badge to be worn by an Odd-Fellow, as such, should be as universal as the mystical language of our Order.

Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

Resolved, That the decision of the Judiciary Committee, as reported on page 5502 of the revised Journal of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of 1872, be reversed by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, to whom the subject was referred by resolution of the last session, ask leave respectfully to report. The facts submitted for investigation are represented to be as follows:

Bro. M. V. BURRIS, who signs himself late Scribe of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Wisconsin, represents in a memorial addressed to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at September session of 1871, "that in the year 1835 the village of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, was visited by the then Grand Sire, THOMAS WILDEY, who organized and instituted an Encampment in that village, *which was to be* hailed and known as Wildey Encampment, No. 1, of which Encampment the memorialist was a member and Scribe; that the records of that Encampment still exist, and are in the hands of JOHN H. VIVIAN, D. D. Grand Sire; that the report of Grand Sire WILDEY, made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, states the fact that he had organized the aforesaid Encampment; that these records were presented to the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin at its last session, and a recognition of the name and number of said alleged Wildey Encampment, No. 1, was asked and refused by the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin."

From this decision the memorialist appeals, in fact, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, praying that the charter or warrant of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, so-called and declared by him, be returned to him, he having the necessary number of Patriarchs ready to receive it and reorganize the Encampment: or else, that the Grand Lodge of the United States certify back to the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin the necessary papers and order in the premises, so that application may be made to that Grand Body for a return of said charter.

Upon an investigation of the record for a verification of the historical facts stated in this connection, the undersigned have discovered that the general statement is substantially correct, although there is a very material error in the dates set forth, which essentially qualifies the force of the statement. Grand Sire WILDEY did not visit Mineral Point in 1835. Iowa Lodge, No. 1, was chartered September 1, 1835, page 184 Journal Grand Lodge of the United States. Same day, D. D. G. M. TAYLOR, of Schuylkill county, Pa., was deputed to institute Iowa Lodge, No. 1, at Mineral Point, Journal 184. The Lodge, if opened in the interval between September, 1835, and October, 1835, the regular annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was not reported at that session, nor does its existence appear till the adjourned session of 1836, held in Baltimore, May, 1837, when it is reported in the statistical table, page 241 Journal, and is thereafter continuously reported.

Grand Sire GETTYS makes no mention in his report of 1835 either of Iowa Lodge, or of an Encampment at Mineral Point, but apologizes for not appointing a visitor to the Lodges in the valley of the Mississippi, page 204.

The Treasurer's books, nor Secretary's books, show any account opened with either Iowa Lodge or an Encampment at Mineral Point up to this period.

In 1838, however, three years after, the warrant issued for Iowa Lodge, and two years after its first report and recognition on the books of the Grand Secretary, as a subordinate under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, Bro. WILDEY, P. G. Sire, did visit Mineral Point, *Wisconsin*, in character of travelling agent, which he officially reported, page 271 Journal. At line 26 of that page, Bro. WILDEY writes as follows: "From Galena I embarked for Mineral Point, Iowa," meaning doubtless "*Iowa County*," Wisconsin. "In this county I found Odd-Fellowship progressing with equal pace with all the institutions of a new and flourishing country. * * * * * Your agent here opened an Encampment, and an additional Subordinate Lodge, upon proper application, and has no doubt that the Order will steadily advance in *Iowa*." At what precise date this visit was made it does not appear, yet it must have been between the months of March, latter part, when he set out from Baltimore, and October 1, 1838, when he returned. It is very clear that the memorialist is in error as to Brd. WILDEY's visit to Mineral Point in 1835, and that the Encampment was instituted in 1838, which was reported at that session and confirmed upon report of the committee on the travelling agent's report, page 288 Journal. From this time nothing appears of this Encampment on the record, and if it continued in existence and worked it never made any report.

The original warrant, now in our possession, confirms this statement, which bears date 3d August, 1838. It is alleged, however, that these documents have remained and still continue in private hands. This is the record of this Encampment, and the question arises, what is its status, if any, and if it has any standing, how can it be restored to it, in view of the present Patriarchal organization in Wisconsin?

The answer appears to the undersigned not free from difficulty, regarding strict legal bearings under our system. To consider this case intelligently it must be briefly stated:

In 1838, Wildey Encampment, at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, was instituted by an authorized officer which act was duly confirmed; (288 Journal;) this body never reported thereafter, and no account was ever opened with it on the books of the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor was it heard of until its present appearance. In 1846, and subsequently, Encampments Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were chartered at different points in Wisconsin, and in June, 1849, upon the application of these, a Grand Encampment was instituted in said jurisdiction by special warrant confirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, September session, 1849. Journal 1405, 1417, 1418.

Wildey Encampment, No. 1, instituted in 1838, was evidently reported as located in Iowa, in mistake, by Bro. WILDEY, supposed to have arisen, as is stated in Moore's Digest, 483, from the fact that it was in "Iowa county," Wisconsin. From this error, and the probable early demise of the body, since it never reported, or had any place on the books of the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is not remarkable that in 1846, eight years afterwards, the Grand Lodge of the United States should have authorized a warrant for an Encampment in Wisconsin, at Milwaukee, then styled Milwaukee, No. 1, (now Wisconsin, No. 1,) and subsequently chartered four other Encampments, all of which uniting, formed the present Grand Encampment of the State. Under this state of facts and circumstances, whilst it may be admitted that under our laws the name and number of a subordinate cannot lapse, and belongs only to the original body upon restoration, and that under a strict enforcement of this law Wildey Encampment may apply for a restoration of charter to the Grand Lodge of the United States; yet the Grand Lodge of the United States having transferred all jurisdiction in relation to the Patriarchal branch to the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, has no longer authority, especially in a case of conflict, to act in the premises, and that Wildey Encampment can only be restored by the consent and acquiescence of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin.

If Wildey Encampment was under the direct jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the case would be free from difficulty.

The Grand Encampment of Wisconsin was guilty of no laches or wrong in its formation, and being free from all complication in the difficulty, cannot with any propriety be asked by the Grand Lodge of the United States to surrender prestige to repair an error committed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, from a want of proper information in the premises.

The undersigned recommend that the memorialist have leave to withdraw his memorial, and that the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin take measures to reclaim the books and papers of Wildey Encampment, to be restored if in its judgment it be deemed wise and proper.

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Cor. & Rec. Sec'y.*

Also, the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to a special committee, together with all other proceedings on the same subject, consisting of all the Past Grand Sires present:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts have learned with deep regret of the death of its early friend and earnest advocate, P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY, of New York city.

Resolved, That we cherish his memory in the sentiments of profound veneration, and desire to add our sympathy to those of the entire brotherhood in the great loss we have sustained in his decease.

Resolved, That we sympathize with his faithful and afflicted wife in her bereavement, and commend her to the protecting care of him whose outstretched arm will support her in her earthly trials.

Also, the following proceeding from the Grand Encampment of Colorado, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS it has been decided by the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States that the Encampments now in the Territory of Wyoming are not considered a part and parcel of this Grand Body, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the earnest desire of this Grand Body that the Territory be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Colorado, and that the Subordinate Encampments now in existence in that Territory, or that may be established hereafter, may become part and parcel of this Grand Body.

Resolved, That our Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and he is hereby instructed to use his best efforts and influence to carry out the above resolution.

Also, the following communication from Bro. I. D. WILLIAMSON, Past Grand Chaplain, which was referred to the special committee on that subject:

PHILADELPHIA, September 11, 1873.

DEAR BRO. RIDGELY: I am in Philadelphia, at No. 2120 Bolton street, with my daughter, Mrs. Moore. I am sick with hay fever and spasmodic asthma, and helpless in my bed, and to attend the coming session of the Grand Lodge will be simply impossible. I regret it much, but my deep interest in the important matter which will come before that body impels me to say that in my judgment the following things should be done:

1. A sliding scale of dues and benefits should be adopted, recognizing the laws of increase and liability to sickness and mortality, with every year of advancing age. Without a recognition of this principle, every attempt at insurance, either of *life* or *health*, is *empiricism* or *quackery*. The fundamental law of the science of Insurance is, that each and every man that comes into the association shall pay the equitable value of the risk and liability that he brings with him, and whosoever persists in disregarding this law *shall ultimately perish*. Let the Grand Lodge *see to it*, that the Order is placed in harmony with this law before it is too late.

2. The table of dues and benefits reported by the committee of which I was chairman years ago, or the one embodied in *your* report two years afterwards, are undoubtedly nearer the truth than any that can be had, as founded upon the experience of the Order in this country. The English tables are compiled from the experience of a different class of men, and under different circumstances. The material drawback to the tables to which I have alluded, is in the fact that the Odd-Fellows of this country do not *all* draw their benefits when sick, consequently the full amount of sickness does not appear upon the records. I would combine the two tables above alluded to, and add ten per cent. as an offset to this abatement. I would divide the table thus constructed, into periods of five years from twenty-one onward, and on that basis establish the rate of dues and benefits, every man paying the average rate of the period to which he belongs.

3. I would have a *bureau* of vital and sanitary statistics erected in your office, and the Grand Secretary authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary to perform the additional labor imposed on that office. To that department should be assigned the care of all returns of sickness and mortality, which should be carefully preserved, collated and arranged, and the scientific results periodically reported. In this way, any error in the established rate of dues and benefits may be corrected in a few years, and the whole thing will be reduced to the basis of absolute science.

4. There are some eighteen years of the experience of the Order which are a *dead letter* upon the record, on account of the inadequacy of the returns. A single additional item would render these statistical tables and records of the Order *luminous* with lessons of vast practical importance: that item is, the amount per week and the amount of funeral benefits which the Lodges respectively pay in cases of sickness and mortality. Give me that much additional information, and I will make those grim looking tables of statistics which appear in the reports of the Grand Lodge of the United States, *teachers* of truth in regard to the science of Insurance. But my strength

fails and I must close. If you deem these hints worthy of so much notice, you are at liberty to hand this over to the committee having this matter in charge. I greet you and the brethren which assemble in the convocation of next week in Friendship, Love and Truth,

I. D. WILLIAMSON,
By his daughter, Mrs. Moore.

Also, reports from Grand Lodges of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas, upon the subject of Rebekah Degree Lodges, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

Also, a Funeral Ode, presented by J. G. FOREMAN, Past Grand Representative of Massachusetts, the author, which was referred to the special committee on Funeral Ceremony.

Also, a communication from Bro. O. ARNOUX, Past District Deputy Grand Sire of Saxony, in behalf of the brethren of that jurisdiction, praying the aid of the Grand Lodge in the construction of an Odd-Fellows' Hall in the city of Dresden, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, the application of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, for a loan to aid in building an Odd-Fellows' Hall in said city, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, sundry documents accompanying application of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Republic of Switzerland, for a loan, which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Also, petitions from Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, and Encampment No. 1, of Utah, which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also, the following communication from the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)
BUREAU DES GROSS SECRETARS, HOCHW: G. L. D. R.
Berlin, den 30th August, 1873.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Esq., M. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, R. W. Grand Lodge United States, Baltimore.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Among the resolutions passed in our late session, there is one ordering the R. W. Grand Secretary to collect, if possible, copies of the Journals of the various Grand Bodies of the American Jurisdiction. By giving these resolutions, in your correspondence with the Grand Secretaries of the different jurisdictions as much publicity as possible, you will confer a great favor upon your humble servant,

WILH. ALTVATER, *G. S.*
Rudersdorfersh, 26.

F. S. OSTHEIM,
Grand Sire, G. L. G. E.

Also, certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, in relation to a proposed modification of the form of the

withdrawal and visiting card, which were referred to the Legislative Committee.

Also, a letter from the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, announcing the election of M. W. Grand Sire of that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Also, a communication from OTTO SCHAETTLE, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Also, a petition for a Subordinate Encampment at Forrest City, Arkansas, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the members of the Order in the various Grand Jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge be permitted, during the first week of each term, to visit the Lodges in their own jurisdiction on the semi-annual password of the last preceding term.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

WHEREAS a difference of opinion exists as up to what period a brother in arrears should or should not be entitled to the semi-annual password, and believing it to be a subject that should be definitely settled, therefore be it

Resolved, That when a member is sufficiently in arrears to disqualify him under the rules of his Lodge from receiving benefits in case of sickness, that said arrearages shall disqualify him from receiving the semi-annual password.

Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to procure an engraved Visiting and Clearance Card for Rebekah Degree Lodges, in manner and form as nearly similar as practicable to the like form of cards now in use in Subordinate Lodges, and to be furnished at the same price to Grand Bodies.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges, when they appear in public, may wear such uniform or regalia, suitable for public parade, as may be approved by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction.

Rep. SCHWATKA, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to design a set of appropriate jewels for the female officers of the Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Rep. POND, of Connecticut, moved to substitute for the standing rule on that subject, the following:

Resolved, That the sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be from 9 A. M. to 12½ P. M., and from 2 to 4 o'clock P. M. each day.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee which was appointed to inquire as to what action, if any, should be taken to prevent injustice in similar cases to that presented in the appeal of WILLIAM DUNNING, to be found on page 5522 of Journal of last session, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject and are of the opinion that the evil suggested should be remedied by appropriate legislation. No member of the Order should be permitted to vote on matters of vital interest, perhaps to his Lodge or Encampment, where such action upon his part may be entirely in the interest of some other Order or of some other part of his order. They recommend the following for your adoption.

Resolved, That no member or members of any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall vote upon any question in which he or they may be interested, or in which he or they intend to become interested, by reason of his or their connection or intended connection with any Lodge or Encampment of this Order, then existing or about to exist, or with any other organization. And should a member or members so vote, he shall, upon the discovery and proof of the fact, be considered guilty of unbecoming conduct, for which he may be suspended from the Order. And the Lodge or Encampment in which the offence was committed may, in case said member has joined some other Lodge or Encampment of this Order, institute charges for said offence in said other jurisdiction, with the right to appeal from its decision, should the brother be acquitted of the charge.

HENRY F. GAREY,
HUGH LATHAM,
JNO. F. HAVENNER,
H. W. BAKER,
SEATON GALES.

On motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, September 16, 1873—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

M. J. DURHAM.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding.
JNO. W. STOKES.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
ALBERT COHEN.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

WILLIAM ELLISON.....Massachusetts.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
FRED. D. STUART.....District of Columbia.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. HARCOURT, of Texas, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have duly examined the certificate of HENRY CLARK, P. G. M., as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and find the same correct. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN T. HARCOURT,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
JOHN GIBSON,
J. H. BAKER,
LEWIS SILBER.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary made his supplementary report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary begs leave very respectfully to submit the following supplementary report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September* 15, 1873.

GRAND LODGES.	Rebekah Certificates.	Cards.	Books	Odes.	Dismissal Certificates.
Alabama	.....	$20 25	$128 25	$4 50	.....
California	.....	54 00	70 48	22 50	$54 00
Colorado	.....	.....	28 69	.....	.....
District of Columbia	.....	6 75	.....	.....	.....
Illinois	.....	94 50	47 40	36 00	13 50
Michigan	.....	.....	234 65	.....	.....
Nebraska	.....	.....	80	.....	.....
Rhode Island	.....	148 50	218 49	.....	40 50
Tennessee	$5 63	137 43	805 35	21 24	8 37
Texas	.....	.....	400 00	.....	.....
West Virginia	.....	.....	32 60	.....	.....
	$5 63	$461 43	$1966 71	$84 24	$116 37

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—continued.

GRAND LODGES.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	.....	$22 00	$150 00	$325 00
California	.....	407 82	.....	608 80
Colorado	.....	31	.....	29 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	150 00	156 75
Illinois	.....	.....	.....	191 40
Michigan	.....	155 65	.....	390 30
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	80
Rhode Island	$11 25	.....	150 00	568 74
Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	978 02
Texas	.....	.....	.....	400 00
West Virginia	.....	.....	.....	32 60
	$11 25	$585 78	$450 00	$3681 41

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—continued.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Books.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
California	$36 00	$43 22	150 00	229 22
Rhode Island	21 60	.....	150 00	171 60
Vermont	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$57 60	$43 22	$450 00	$550 82

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—continued.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.	Dues.	Total.
Hope Encampment, No. 2, W. Territory	$11 93	$11 93
Walker Encampment, No. 5, Arkansas	13 00	13 00
	$24 93	$24 93

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—continued.

INDIVIDUALS.	Books.	Total.
John Duffield, of Massachusetts	$0 25	$0 25
B. J. Preston, of New York	50	50
	$0 75	$0 75

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Cards	Statement	$8,220 03	
	Supplementary	461 43	
			$8,681 46
Books	Statement	23,217 81	
	Supplementary	2,025 06	
			25,242 87
Balance	Statement	2,193 97	
			2,193 97
Charters	Statement	240 00	
			240 00
Diplomas	Statement	780 20	
	Supplementary	11 25	
			791 45
Odes	Statement	1,204 55	
	Supplementary	84 24	
			1,288 69
Dues	Statement	1,070 29	
	Supplementary	24 93	
			1,095 22
Dismissal Certificates	Statement	203 46	
	Supplementary	116 37	
			319 83
Rebekah Certificates	Statement	12 25	
	Supplementary	5 63	
			17 88
Miscellaneous	Statement	206 56	
	Supplementary	629 00	
			835 56
Representative Tax	Statement	8,550 00	
	Supplementary	900 00	
			9,450 00
			$50,156 93

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.

Deputy Grand Sire DURHAM submitted the following correspondence, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

I. O. O. F.

HALL OF LAUREL LODGE, No. 191, OF OHIO.

At a regular meeting of Laurel Lodge, No. 191, I. O. O. F., of Ohio, held at their hall, in Madisonville, Ohio, on the evening of July 16, 1873, the following resolution, presented by Past Grand GEORGE E. STEARNS, was, on his motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the following question be submitted to the R. W. Grand Master of this State, with the request that he forward the same to the R. W. Grand Sire for his decision:

QUESTION.—On an appeal from the decision of the Noble Grand to the Lodge, and a vote of the Lodge being had, the Noble Grand is sustained, and the subject matter is then *finally decided* by the Lodge, and notice of appeal to the D. D. Grand Master is given by the minority of the Lodge at the time, and afterwards, and within the time limited by law, the appel-

lants present to the Lodge in writing their appeal, with *all the facts*, exceptions, *assignment of errors*, and reference to the *laws* and decisions of the Grand Bodies of the Order to sustain such appeal, and said written appeal recites fully *all the facts*, and the same is read by the Secretary (or by consent of the appellant) in open Lodge, and *admitted* by the Lodge to contain *all the facts*. Is or is not the Lodge bound to enter the appeal thus presented in full in the minutes? And is it not the duty of the Secretary, after having entered the appeal on the minutes, to make a transcript of the record, duly certified under the seal of the Lodge, and forward the same to the power appealed to?"

I. O. O. F.
HALL OF LAUREL LODGE, No. 191, OF OHIO,
Madisonville, July 16, 1873.

JOHN E. BELL, *Esq., Grand Master.*

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a regular meeting of Laurel Lodge, No. 191, I. O. O. F., of Ohio, held this date, as taken from the minutes of said Lodge.

E. A. CONKLING, *Rec. Secy.*

I. O. O. F.
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,
Cincinnati, July 29, 1873.

M. J. DURHAM, *R. W. D. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I herewith enclose you a communication from a Subordinate Lodge of this jurisdiction, and respectfully ask your consideration and decision thereon.

I address this for your consideration, learning that the Most Worthy Grand Sire, C. A. LOGAN, is absent from the country.

With kind regards, I am, fraternally,
JOHN E. BELL, *Grand Master.*

I. O. O. F.
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF OHIO,
Cincinnati, August 6, 1873.

M. J. DURHAM, *R. W. D. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 2d at hand, and for which accept my thanks.

The question is not in reference to the trial of those who commit offences against the law, but as to the rights of the minority; and the object of the question is to clearly define the rights of minorities, and to be decided on general principles. You say I should, upon general principles, decide "*that the Lodge should enter the appeal, and have a correct transcript forwarded to the proper superior tribunal.*" This I regard as the proper requirement and good law. I respectfully desire an official decision, (if this is not one,) and that the same may be reported to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

I have this day sent you by mail a copy of the By-Laws and Constitution of this jurisdiction.

Fraternally,
JOHN E. BELL, *Grand Master.*

The Lodge proceeded to the call of standing committees for reports, which, being concluded, the call of jurisdictions was made, when—

Rep. ESTEE, of California, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, at the session of this Grand Lodge of September, 1870, it was enacted that no Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall hold any meeting for business or work on Sunday; and whereas, there are instances where meetings of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments on Sunday are a fraternal as well as a religious duty; therefore be it

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at the session of 1870, and found on page 4834 of the Journal, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the subject-matter thereof be left to the several State Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. GIVEN, of District of Columbia, submitted the revised Constitution of the Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of District of Columbia, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, held May 10, 1873, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz.:

WHEREAS the recent legislation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has been specially directed to procuring a general uniformity in the work of the Order throughout the entire jurisdiction; and whereas, in many of the State jurisdictions, Past High Priests are, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, recognized as members of Grand Encampments, but who, by the local law of other Grand Bodies, are not permitted to visit, or, in case of the removal of their membership, are prevented from becoming members of the Grand Encampment of such jurisdictions, notwithstanding the fact that they possess the Grand Encampment Degree, and perhaps have passed through its highest office; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to provide, by law, for the full acknowledgment of the rights of Past High Priests, who have entered Grand Encampments by virtue of service in that chair.

And at this session the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Representative from this R. W. Body, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be directed to present the foregoing action to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, and that he be further instructed to submit, for the consideration of the Supreme Head of the Order, the following resolution, and urge its adoption, or some other law which will meet the object in view.

"*Resolved*, That all present Past High Priests, who are members of any Grand Encampment, having attained such rank and position in consequence of actual service as High Priest in any Subordinate Encampment, shall be placed on the same footing and be entitled to the same privileges as Past Chief Patriarchs, in any jurisdiction under the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. MCQUIDDY, of Indiana, presented the following paper, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

The following memorial to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana was referred to the Grand Representatives, with instructions to present the same to this R. W. Grand Body:

To R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana:

We, the undersigned, members of Ruth Lodge, No. 1, Daughters of Rebekah, respectfully petition your honorable body to instruct your Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to urge upon said Grand Lodge the necessity of a sign and word for wives and widows of our Order, to be used in case of difficulty and danger, in dark as well as day. Believing that a sign of the above character would be of benefit to all members, and as the work is now being revised, we petition and ask that our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to exert all fair and honorable means to secure the legislation herein asked for.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Grand Encampments are hereby authorized to allow their subordinates to elect Financial Scribes, whose duties shall be similar to those laid down for Permanent Secretaries in Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. FUHRMANN, of Minnesota, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, presented the petition of Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, of Utah, to be allotted to the jurisdiction of Nevada, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, the following resolution of instruction from Grand Lodge of Ohio, relative to the Sunday law, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to oppose all changes in the "Sunday law."

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of F. A. BOEHMER, of Pennsylvania, from the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and they are hereby instructed to consider the propriety of amending section 100 of White's Digest, page 26, so as to read as follows: It is the duty of a subordinate to obey the decisions of its Grand Lodge, which are final and conclusive,

unless appealed from to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The effect of such appeal shall be to stay all proceedings in the case, and cause them to remain *in statu quo* until affirmed or reversed by the said Grand Lodge of the United States, when the respective parties will conform to the affirmation or reversal, as the case may be.

Also, the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the existing law, which compels Lodges and Encampments to grant dismissal certificates to members suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, works injuriously to the Order, in that said certificates, in many instances, are granted to persons whose conduct, during such suspension, is entirely unworthy of a member of the Order; and whereas it is almost, if not entirely, impossible for the various Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to which such suspended or dropped members apply for re-admission, to ascertain the fact of such unworthiness, particularly when the application is made in a jurisdiction other than that in which they were suspended or dropped; therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and they are hereby instructed to consider the propriety and expediency of so amending the said law as to *require* Lodges and Encampments to refuse certificates to members whose general conduct, at or immediately before the time application shall be made for a dismissal certificate, may be "unbecoming an Odd-Fellow;" such fact to be determined by a majority vote of the Lodge or Encampment upon objection being raised to granting such certificate.

Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin be and is hereby authorized to procure a translation of the Rituals for Subordinates into the Norwegian language, and furnish the same to this R. W. Grand Body at its next session, provided such translation is made without expense to this Grand Lodge.

Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to a special committee:

WHEREAS the attention of this R. W. Body has frequently been called to the necessity of providing a suitable office for the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and at the same time a secure repository for the invaluable property of the Order, consisting of the library, which, if destroyed, cannot be replaced, and of correspondence and documents relating to the Order, the accumulation of years, which are valuable beyond estimate, besides a large and costly amount of supplies, stereotype plates, formula, &c., which cannot be placed in the safe. And whereas, by a recent disastrous fire very near the present office of the Grand Secretary, and which for a time threatened its destruction, we are admonished of the truth of the assertion so repeatedly made, that means should be at once adopted to avert a pending danger; therefore,

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to select a lot on which to erect a proper building for the purposes above mentioned; and that said committee be directed to prepare a plan of a building to be submitted to the Grand Officers for approval; and further, that the sum of $....., or as much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to carry out the foregoing suggestion.

Resolved, That the purchase of the lot and the erection of the building be under the supervision of the officers of this Grand Lodge residing in Baltimore; and that, as soon as the building is ready for occupancy, the Grand Secretary be directed to remove thereto, with all the effects of this Right Worthy Body.

Rep. NEALLEY, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee inquire into the expediency of allowing, by law, State Grand Bodies, in granting new charters, to take the number of any extinct Lodge or Encampment in their jurisdiction that has remained extinct more than fifteen years, and report by bill or otherwise.

The Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5762, being from the Committee on History of Odd-Fellowship, was taken up, and, being under consideration—

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved to postpone the subject and make it the special order for to-morrow at 2 o'clock, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report and resolutions—

Rep. HAMMOND, of Nevada, moved to amend by striking out the word "Historiographer" wherever it occurs, and insert the word "Historian," which was not agreed to.

The question again recurring on the adoption of the report and resolutions accompanying—

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, the further consideration of the subject was postponed.

The next report, page 5770, being from the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, on the memorial of Bro. M. V. BURRIS, late Scribe of Wildey Encampment, No. 1, Wisconsin, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5776, being from the special committee on the appeal of WILLIAM DUNNING, was considered and adopted.

The Grand Treasurer presented his report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I herewith present the annual report of the condition of the treasury department, and the financial operations for the fiscal year commencing on the 17th of September, 1872, and ending with the 15th of September, 1873:

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1872. Sept.	16.	To cash balance in Treasury as per report of the Finance Committee, page 5554 Journal.....			$22,699 03
Nov.	7.	Interest for six months (currency) on $4,000 of U. S. bonds.....	$134 85		
1873. Jan'y	17.	Interest for six months (currency) on $10,000 of U. S. bonds.....	336 75		
May	6.	Interest for six months (currency) on $4,000 of U. S. bonds.....	141 30		
July	5.	Interest for six months (currency) on $10,000 of U. S. bonds.....	344 25		
					957 15
Feb'y	7.	Note of Grand Lodge of Mississippi, of date August 10th, 1870.....	$300 00		
July	5.	Note of Grand Encampment of Texas, of date September 19th, 1872.....	397 00		
					697 00
		This sum received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, on account of sales of supplies, and Representative tax from September 17th, 1872, to September 15th, 1873, inclusive.....			49,759 95
		Total.....			$74,113 13

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

1872. Sept.	23.	By this amount paid to Grand Officers and Grand Representatives who were in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge in 1872, for mileage and per diem—see report, page 5503 of the Journal of that year.....			$16,588 20
1873. July	7.	Wm. McKim & Co., for $6,000 of United States 5-20 coupon bonds of issue of 1865, at 16⅔ premium.....	$6,982 50		
Aug.	26.	Wm. McKim & Co., for $4,000 of United States 5-20 coupon bonds of issue of 1865, at 17½ premium.....	4,700 00		
					11,682 50
Sept.	21.	James Young, on account of printing of daily Journal at session of 1872, &c.....			400 00
"	"	P. Grand Sire Sanders, for services on special committee on the Work of the Order.....			70 70
"	"	J. W. Stokes, services on special committee on Secret Work.....			20 00
"	"	W. R. McLean, services on special committee on Secret Work.....			7 00
"	"	J. F. Havenner, services on special committee on Secret Work.....			7 00
"	"	C. N. Hickok, services on special committee on Secret Work.....			27 50
"	"	Hugh Latham, services on special committee on Secret Work.....			5 00
"	"	J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer—stamp on his bond.....			1 00
"	25.	S. Baird Wolfe, for translating letters and documents in the office of the Grand Secretary....			40 00
"	26.	L. Ritz, for repairing Grand Lodge furniture...			50 00
Oct.	5.	J. Schweitzer, for services at session of G. Lodge			30 00
"	"	Gibson Brothers, for printing revised work.....			55 25
"	21.	Safe Deposit Co., for safe-keeping of bonds.....			16 00

1873. Oct.	22.	James Young, balance of bill for printing daily Journal, and Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports	958 67
"	25.	W. F. Hesse, for repairing stoves, &c	9 75
Nov.	1.	Special Deputy Grand Sire John F. Morse, on account of German Mission, per resolution of Grand Lodge	1,100 00
"	4.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards, &c	185 27
Dec.	2.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three month's salary	750 00
"	"	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain, three months' salary	350 00
"	"	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain, for office expenses	171 39
"	3.	E. B. Tyler, for fire-proof safe	500 00
"	20.	George F. Lewis, for printing cards	120 75
1873. Jan'y	4.	James Young, for printing circulars, &c	129 00
	10.	J. J. Giess, for translation charge books in German	50 00
"	14.	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain, express freight	182 68
Feb'y	6.	John Medole, for printing charge books, binding, &c	2,603 01
"	14.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards, &c	115 00
March	1.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three months' services	750 00
"	"	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain, for three months' services	350 00
"	"	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain, for office expenses	84 56
"	5.	J. F. Gedney, for lithographing, &c	131 50
"	19.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards	143 00
"	"	Gibson Brothers, for printing	44 50
"	20.	T. Kauffman, for painting portrait of Grand Sire F. D. Stuart	150 00
"	27.	James Young, for printing revised Journal	6,495 73
"	28.	American Odd-Fellow, two years' subscription	10 64
"	"	Paid for post-office order for above	10
April	2.	Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture and books	24 00
May	6.	W. Lacy & Co., insurance on stereotype plates of Digest, at Albany	14 50
"	7.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards	119 60
"	13.	F. Bergner, frame for portrait of Past Grand Sire Stuart	39 00
"	23.	James Young, for printing dispensations	36 00
"	31.	District Deputy Grand Sire Hooper, postage and stationery	20 00
"	"	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three months' salary	750 00
"	"	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain, for three months' salary	350 00
"	"	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain, for office expenses	106 95
June	14.	S. Baird Wolfe, for translation of German correspondence, &c	16 50
"	30.	F. Bergner, for walnut frames	5 80
July	7.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards, &c	158 30
"	"	Safe Deposit Co., for safe-keeping of bonds	1 50
"	31.	John Medole, for printing books, odes, &c	1,626 00

1873. Aug.	18.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards, &c.....	199	82
"	"	Safe Deposit Co., for safe-keeping of bonds.....	1	00
Sept.	1.	Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, for three months' salary.....	750	00
"	"	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain, for three months' salary.....	350	00
"	"	Assistant Grand Secretary Jno. E. Chamberlain for office expenses.....	77	00
"	"	Past Grand Sire F. D. Stuart, official expenses..	17	85
"	"	Grand Lodge of Maryland, for annual rent of offices, &c.....	325	00
"	"	S. Baird Wolfe, for translation of German correspondence.....	21	00
"	5.	Geo. F. Lewis, printing cards, &c.....	51	00
"	"	Geo. F. Lewis, dandy roll with monogram marks..	200	00
"	9.	Herring's Express Co., freight transportation...	8	80
"	"	Paul & Lindsay, for book binding.....	16	38
"	"	A. Hoen & Co., check book.....	10	00
"	11.	Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards, &c.....	78	82
"	12.	J. W. Bond & Co., for stationery.....	378	50
"	15.	J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for check and postage stamps.....	1	71
"	"	J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for twelve months' salary.....	500	00
			$22,370	03
		Total.....	$50,640	73
		Cash balance.....	23,472	40
			$74,113	13

Deduct from the debit side of the foregoing account the cash balance carried over from September 16, 1872, and it will appear that the receipts from all sources for the fiscal year just closed were $51,414.10, being $8,116.69 in excess of the receipts of the preceding year.

Deduct from the credit side of the account the sum of $11,682.50 paid for the purchase of $10,000 of United States bonds, and the expenses of the year will appear to be $38,958.23, being $5,410.19 less than the expenses proper of the preceding year, and $12,455.87 less than the revenue for the year ending with the 15th September, 1873.

The receipts were derived from the following sources, viz:

Sales of supplies and Representative tax.....	$49,759 95
Interest on United States 5–20 bonds.....	957 15
Payment of note of Grand Lodge of Mississippi.....	300 00
Payment of note of Grand Encampment of Texas.....	397 00
Total.....	$51,414 10

The expenses proper were for—

Mileage and per diem of Grand Representatives.....	$16,588 20	
Ordinary expenses.....	22,370 03	
		$38,958 23
Excess of revenue over the expenses proper.....		$12,455 87

The available assets to the credit of the Grand Lodge, are as follows, viz:

Cash balance on 15th September, 1873, as per statement.....	$23,472 40
$24,000 of United States bonds, at current rates, say 1.15.....	27,600 00
Total.....	$51,072 40

WILDEY MONUMENT ACCOUNT.

DR. GRAND TREASURER.

1872. Sept.	16.	Cash balance to the credit of the fund...	$311 29	
1873. Jan'y	17.	Interest on $2,000 of United States bonds for six months.....	60 00	
"		Premium in currency on above at 12½...	7 50	
" July	5.	Six months' interest on $2,000 of United States bonds.....	60 00	
" "		Premium in currency on the above at 14½.	8 70	
				$447 49

CR. GRAND TREASURER.

Cash paid J. Schweitzer for salary as keeper of monument.....	50 00
Cash balance.....	$397 49

ASSETS TO THE CREDIT OF THE WILDEY MONUMENT FUND, VIZ:

Cash balance as above.....	$ 397 49
$2,000 in United States bonds, at current rates, say 1.15.....	2,300 00
Total amount.....	$2,697 49

GROSS ASSETS OF GRAND LODGE, VIZ:

Assets to the credit of the Grand Lodge as above stated.....	$51,072 40
Assets to the credit of the Wildey monument fund.....	2,697 49
Cash balance to the credit of the Southern relief fund.....	402 61
Aggregate.....	$54,172 50

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, pages 5554, 5573 of the Journal, a resolution was adopted directing the Grand Treasurer to invest in United States government bonds, out of the surplus funds of the R. W. Grand Lodge, such sums from time to time as in his judgment might be for the best interests of the Grand Lodge. In pursuance of said resolution, I purchased ten thousand dollars of United States 5-20 coupon bonds, of the issue of July, 1865, on which I paid respectively 10⅝ and 17½ per cent. premium, making the cost of the bonds $11,062.50. These, as well as all other bonds held by the Grand Lodge, have been placed for safe keeping with the Safe Deposit Company of Baltimore.

I take the liberty of recommending that the Grand Treasurer be authorized, at his discretion, to invest during the coming fiscal year, in such securities as the Grand Lodge may designate, such surplus funds as the financial condition of the Grand Lodge may appear to warrant; and that he be also authorized to dispose of, from time to time, such portion of the bonds of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary to pay the warrants on him of the R. W. Grand Secretary, if, in the judgment of the Grand Treasurer, such a measure should be deemed expedient and proper.

Fraternally submitted.

JOSHUA VANSANT. *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion of Bro. ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That at 11 o'clock A. M. this day, a recess of ten minutes be declared for the purpose of allowing Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5, of Charlestown, Mass., to visit and be introduced to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Chair announced the following special committee:

Committee on the Preamble and Resolutions of P. G. Sire Stuart, in regard to fire-proof office.—P. G. Sire STUART, of District of Columbia; Reps. TICKNOR, of Illinois; LINDENBERG, of Ohio; SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania; PORTER, of Massachusetts.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a secret session be held at 2 o'clock P. M. this day.

On motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, the Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of pending amendments to the Constitution as they appear on the Journal.

The first amendment, page 5620, revised Journal, as follows, was considered and adopted:

Amend Article XII of the Constitution by adding the following:
Provided, That if at any time the Grand Lodge shall determine that the next succeeding session shall be held at any one of the cities located so far South as to render it impracticable to hold it in September, then it shall have the power to determine at what date said session shall be held.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Alexander, Baker of Delaware, Baker of North Carolina, Barber, Barrows, Beall, Beharrell, Bixby, Brugman, Bundy, Carter, Cline, Cox, Crane, Curry, Damon, Dashiell, DeWolf, Dodge, Dowden, Driscol, Dyer, Earl, Edwards, Empie, Fitzhugh, Foulk, Fuhrmann, Gales, Garey, Gibson, Given, Glenn, Gow, Greenleaf, Hamilton, Hamlin of Nebraska, Hamlin of Massachusetts, Harcourt, Harris, Hartman, Hartshorn, Havenner, Hickok, Homes, Jay, Jackson, Johnson, Jones of Nebraska, Lamberton, Langworthy, Latham, Lebby, Libby, Lindenberg, Lindsley, Madden, Mansur, Maris, Medole, McCraney, McKinstry, McLean, McQuiddy, Miller, Milton, Moore, Monroe, Nealley, Needles, Newell of New Jersey, Noltner, Nungesser, Olney, Palmer, Phelps, Porter of California, Porter of Massachusetts, Price, Purves, Randall, Rankin, Rawlings, Reeves, Rich, Richardson, Ross, Ryan, Sargent, Schwatka, Schorn, Shields, Shipley, Sides, Silber, Simpson, Smart, Smith, Spear, Speck, Stokes, Ticknor, Tillotson, Tompkins, Trapp, Turner, Tyson, Washburn, White of Nevada, White of New York, Wilson, Woodward, Yourson—113.
Nays.—Reps. Estee, Hammond, Leech, Newell of Connecticut, Pond, Wilcox—6.

The next amendment, page 5620, revised Journal, was considered as follows:

Amend Article IX of the Constitution by inserting after the second word "standing," in the second line of section 3, "and in the possession of the Grand Lodge Degree;" and also, by inserting after the word "standing," in the fourth line of the same section, "a Past Chief Patriarch, and in the possession of the Grand Encampment Degree," which will make the section of said article, when amended, to read as follows:
SECTION 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing, and in the possession

of the Grand Lodge Degree. He must have received the Royal Purple Degree; be a member in good standing of an Encampment in good standing; a Past Chief Patriarch, and in the possession of the Grand Encampment Degree; and he must reside in the State, district or territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located. No Representative shall represent more than one Grand Body at the same time.

Rep. STOKES, of Pennsylvania, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next annual session.

The question being on the motion of Rep. STOKES—

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved to postpone the subject indefinitely, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, same page, as follows, was considered:

Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States as follows:

ARTICLE I. *Section* 1. Strike out all after the word "of," in the second line, and insert "the M. W. Grand Lodge of American Odd-Fellowship," so as to make it read as follows

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the M. W. Grand Lodge of American Odd-Fellowship.

Amend all other parts of the Constitution and By-Laws to conform with the above.

On motion of Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, indefinitely to postpone the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama; seconded by Reps. WHITE, of New York; CARTER, of Ohio; LINDENBERG, of Ohio; PORTER, of Massachusetts; NOLTNER, of Oregon; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; DOWDEN, of Kentucky:

Amend Article I, Section 1, by striking out the words "of the United States," so that it shall read:

ARTICLE I. *Sec.* 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appears, asked that the committee be discharged from the consideration of the subject referred to them touching the assessment made by the Grand Lodge of Michigan upon the membership in that State in aid of the Odd Fellows' Institute, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the paper was accordingly referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived, fixed for the reception of Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5, of Charlestown, Massachusetts, the Lodge took a recess pursuant to the special order to that effect, for ten minutes, when the Encampment was appropriately introduced by R. W. Grand Marshal CALEB RAND,

and most cordially welcomed by R. W. Deputy Grand Sire DURHAM, presiding.

The Deputy Grand Sire addressed the Patriarchs as follows:

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF BUNKER HILL ENCAMPMENT: For and on behalf of this R. W. Grand Body I welcome you to this hall to witness such of our proceedings as it is proper for you to see. We feel complimented by a visit of so distinguished an Encampment as yours, and the brotherhood of this city have been delighted with your manly bearing and your beautiful regalia. There was, for some years, a considerable contest on this floor as to whether you should be permitted to wear on the streets and on parade the costumes in which you now appear. Finally, your wishes were granted. Now that we have seen you in that beautiful dress, I am sure none of us regret our action in permitting you thus to wear it. Patriarchs, may I ask and hope that your lives and conduct may in all future time be as beautiful and lovely as the dress you wear. Again we thank you for the honor you have conferred by your visit.

Chief Patriarch BENJAMIN W. SEEVER, of Bunker Hill Encampment, responded to the remarks of Deputy Grand Sire DURHAM, thus:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: I can hardly express my thanks for your kindness and the honor you have conferred upon us. I can assure you, on behalf of Bunker Hill Encampment, that we feel and appreciate the same, deeply. We trust our general bearing and good conduct will convince you that your confidence of one year ago was not misplaced, and that our visit will not only reflect credit upon ourselves, but also meet with your approbation.

After a fraternal interchange of greetings between the Patriarchs of Bunker Hill Encampment and the members of the Grand Lodge, and the expiration of the time of recess, the Lodge resumed its business.

Rep. HARCOURT, of Texas, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have examined the certificate of appointment of J. W. RATLIFF, P. C. P., as Representative from the Grand Encampment of Colorado, vice RICHARD VAN VALKINGBURG, resigned, and find the same correct.

JOHN T. HARCOURT,
J. H. BAKER,
JOHN F. DRISCOL,
LEWIS SILBER,
JOHN GIBSON.

Rep. SHIELDS, of Alabama, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction of Alabama are hereby permitted to hold their annual sessions for the year 1875 at such place in the State as they may determine.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, made the point of order that inasmuch as the place of meeting of the Grand Encampment of Alabama was fixed by the Constitution, the proposition was virtually that the Grand Lodge of the United States should change the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and was not in order.

The Chair ruled that the point was not well taken.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution, Rep. MCKINSTRY moved to postpone the consideration of the resolution, which was agreed to.

Rep. BIXBY, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue duplicate charters to the several Subordinate Encampments working under charters granted by it in the State of Minnesota; *provided*, the same conform in all respects to the original, and are attested in conformity to the provisions contained in sub-Section 337 of Digest, title "Duplicate Charters."

Rep. RICHARDSON, of Texas, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the action of this Right Worthy Grand Body, in excluding from membership in the Order Indians and persons of mixed white and Indian blood, adopted in the years 1847–49, and to be found on pages 1032, 1101, 1400, 1502 and 1513, Journal of Proceedings, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and the subject-matter thereof transferred to the several State Grand Jurisdictions, with full power to regulate the same in their own discretion.

Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, presented the petition of a number of members of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu, on the subject of the qualifications of membership as to "color," praying a modification of the same, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Also, the following proceeding of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That this Lodge respectfully petition the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge for the Hawaiian Islands. Excelsior Lodge having held a charter and working under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States since 1846, and said Lodge holds its regular weekly meetings in Honolulu, Oahu, H. I., and Polynesia Encampment, holding also a charter from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and holding semi-monthly meetings in the same city, are desirous of receiving the above charter for a Grand Lodge.

Rep. CURRY, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee :

WHEREAS the enactments of the Grand Lodge of the United States do not determine the exact period when a brother in arrears shall or shall not be entitled to the semi-annual password ; therefore be it

Resolved, That when a brother is in arrears for dues, for one year, he shall be disqualified from receiving the semi-annual password until the said dues are paid.

Rep. DASHIEL, of Texas, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WASHBURN, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That after the first day of January, 1874, the terms of office in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be twelve months instead of six months, as now provided by law.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

Resolved, That Rule of Order eight of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, the same being in conflict with Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution.

Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

At this stage of the proceedings the Grand Sire informed the Lodge that Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, desired to make a presentation to the Grand Secretary, whereupon—

Rep. HARMON, of California, on behalf of Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, made the presentation to the Grand Secretary of a beautiful "Silver Brick," in words following :

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: At the request of Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, I rise to discharge a duty which, under ordinary circumstances, ought not to take up the time of this Grand Lodge. He has had made, from the products of a mine belonging to himself, a beautiful little Silver Brick, and desires to present it to the Grand Secretary. Bro. WHITE'S worth is only exceeded by his modesty, and he could not summon courage to do this in person. I am sure we will not consider anything out of place on this floor which shows our love for Bro. RIDGELY. For nearly forty years he has stood at the helm—firm, bold and far-seeing. How much the Order owes to him we will never fully realize until, in a few years, that eye is dimmer, the hair whiter, and he has gone to his long home. He has been a soldier in our ranks and a general at our head. His pen has written things that will not die. I now present to him, on behalf of Bro. WHITE, this token of his affection and respect. It is not of large physical dimensions, but it fitly represents the character of the recipient. It is compact ; it is solid ; it is brilliant.

The Grand Secretary responded as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: To you, to this Grand Lodge, and to my noble Bro. WHITE, do I now make my sincere acknowledgments for the honor and gratification which the passing pleasant episode affords. To my Bro. WHITE, for his generous regard, and for the apt illustration of its quality I am quite sure that the mind which conceived the idea of such a gift, and the heart which suggested its form, partake largely of those intrinsic elements of the precious metal which Bro. HARMON has so tersely and eloquently described.

To you, Most Worthy Grand Sire, and to this worthy Grand Lodge, for the indulgent trespass upon your valuable time which you have allowed, and which I promise you shall be brief. Recognizing, as I do, the fact that this beautiful souvenir attests as well my Bro. WHITE's appreciation of my feeble efforts in our good cause, as his sense of personal esteem, I shall ever cherish it as a gift of an Odd-Fellow of the true type, whose sterling worth all concede and admire.

I thank you, Bro. HARMON, for the kind sentiments you have uttered, which are so characteristic of your refined taste and excellence of heart, and I pray humbly, that I may deserve to approach the merit as an Odd-Fellow, at however reasonable a distance, which you assign to me.

On motion of Bro. FARNSWORTH, Past Grand Sire, the address and response were ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

The hour fixed by special order for recess, viz., 12.30 o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge accordingly receded from business until two o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, the Lodge, pursuant to the special order to that effect, resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge closed in secret session and resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, (page 5755 Journal,) in reference to the arrearages which shall disqualify a member from receiving the semi-annual password, respectfully report:

That inasmuch as it does not appear that the resolution either comes up on appeal, or has been presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and as Article XXIX of our By-Laws prescribes that the "Grand Lodge of the United States will neither entertain nor consider any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the body by an appeal from the decision of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment," which has been construed (page 5525, 5549, revised Journal, 1872) to apply

to any inquiry, whether in the form of an interrogation or resolution, your committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
L. J. GLENN,
M. S. DOWDEN,
J. M. PRICE,
PETER BRUGMAN,
J. MARIS,
ORLANDO McCRANEY,
SAMUEL RYAN, JR.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, (page 5770 Journal,) viz., "That the decision of the Judiciary Committee, as reported on page 5502 of the revised Journal of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of 1872, be reversed by this Grand Lodge," respectfully report:

That the decision referred to is that which holds that a member of Lodge "A," who seeks to visit Lodge "B" at the meeting after the installation of officers for a new term, but prior to the installation in Lodge "A," not having the semi-annual password for the new term, cannot be admitted by the Noble Grand on the semi-annual password of the previous term, which still remains in force or good in Lodge "A." It is the decision of the Grand Lodge, reached after a unanimous report by the committee and deliberate consideration by your Grand Body.

Upon careful reflection, your committee believe it is a sound exposition of the law, and that no other conclusion could have been legitimately reached. That inconvenience has arisen from its enforcement may be true, and to remedy that inconvenience legislation may be necessary. But as it is the duty of your committee to construe the law, and as we believe the decision is sound as the law stands, we cannot recommend its reversal.

We therefore ask that we may be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

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L. J. GLENN,
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ORLANDO McCRANEY,
SAM. RYAN, JR.
HENRY CLARK.

Bro. ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, from the committee on the subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the various subjects contained and referred to therein, would respectfully report:

That so much of the report as relates to an appropriation to defray the expense of temporary additional clerical assistance be referred to the Committee of Finance.

That the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, "that the contract for printing the revised Journal hereafter should stipulate for its entire delivery on or before January 1st succeeding the adjournment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the contractor be required to give bond for the due performance of his contract," be referred to the Committee on Printing.

That so much as relates to the retranslation of our Ritual into German text, by Bro. HEDDAEUS, R. W. Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and the recommendation of the Grand Secretary that a liberal appropriation be made for so valuable a service, be referred to the Committee of Finance.

That so much as relates to the disposal of obsolete editions of the work now in the office of the Grand Secretary, be referred to the Committee on Printing Supplies.

That so much as relates to an appropriation from the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of collecting for the Library of this Grand Lodge the entire proceedings of the different State Grand Bodies under its jurisdiction, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as relates to the enactment of a supplementary law, making it obligatory upon State Grand Bodies to provide suitable legislation on the subject of carrying into effect the requirements prescribed by the change of the fiscal year, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as refers to the communication of Rev. Bro. JAMES SHRIGLEY, Past Grand, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as relates to the condition of the Order in South Carolina, and the recommendation of the Grand Secretary in regard to an appropriation by this Grand Lodge in aid of the revival of Odd-Fellowship in that jurisdiction, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as relates to the enforcement of additional appropriate legislation in regard to the decision of this Grand Lodge at its last session, as to the extent of power delegated to Grand Bodies over Subordinates in contiguous territories, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to Odd-Fellowship in Idaho, Washington, Arizona and Wyoming Territories, and the granting of charters in those territories by contiguous Grand Lodges, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as refers to the Order in Australia, and the recommendation of the Grand Secretary for the appointment of a special commissioner to be sent out to instruct the membership in the work, and to diffuse more extensively in the colony proper light in relation to the character and principles of the Order, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That so much as refers to the account of Bro. WOLLHEIM, for expenses incurred in visiting Baltimore from New York upon the invitation of Grand Sire STUART, and the suggestion of the Grand Secretary that the price of supplies sold to foreign jurisdictions be fixed by law, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as refers to the correspondence of this Grand Lodge with our own State Jurisdictions, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as refers to the foreign correspondence of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That so much as refers to the application of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, of the Republic of Switzerland, asking the pecuniary aid of this Grand Lodge, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as relates to binding the seventh volume of the revised Journal, and the preparation of an index, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as relates to the returns of Rebekah Degree Lodges be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

That so much as refers to the future jurisdictional status of the Order in Austria be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
J. P. SANDERS,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
FRED. D. STUART.

Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, moved that the Lodge, when it adjourns, will adjourn until 7½ o'clock this evening, to meet in secret session, which was resolved in the negative.

The hour of four o'clock, fixed for adjournment, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, September 17, 1873—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

M. J. DURHAM.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding.
JNO. W. STOKES.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
ALBERT COHEN.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

WILLIAM ELLISON.....Massachusetts.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
FRED. D. STUART.....District of Columbia.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the reception of the report of the M. W.

Grand Sire, which being read, was referred, on motion of Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, to the same committee to which the Grand Secretary's report had been referred, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees:

GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES: Since this Grand Body last convened in regular session, the plastic hand of time has moulded twelve fleeting months into a completed year, and has notched another mark upon the tally-stick of all our lives; another click has been heard in the machinery of the universe; another step has been taken toward the goal to which we are inevitably tending; thirteen moons have fulled and waned, and another sun going down in untarnished glory, has lengthened the shadow of the world, another measure of distance toward the eternity, when "the wreck of matter and the crash of worlds" shall announce the birth of the millennial man.

"The year that's awa,"

has been pregnant with events, not alone in the world at large, but also in that portion of it, which we, as Odd-Fellows, represent; and as prefatory of the report, it becomes my duty, as the executive head of the Order, to make, it seems imperative that the first mention should be of myself.

In March last, I was called upon to enter a field of labor entirely different from any I had previously occupied, and the distinguished honor of representing our government at a foreign capital, was tendered me. Duly appreciating the high distinction conferred upon me, and recognizing the duty which every citizen owes his country, of rendering cheerfully any service of which he may be capable, I was at a loss to decide, whether the removal of the chief head of the Order, so far from immediate connection with his sphere of duty, would be compatible with the best interests of the fraternity.

In this dilemma, I sought the counsel of eminent brothers of the Order—those who had directed its destinies in the past, and won the commendation of their associates. Among these was a faithful officer, who has been identified with its highest interests for over forty years; who, while possessing a judgment and ability, which have been constantly endorsed by the brotherhood, has acquired a familiarity with our history and precedents, through official connection with our archives, certainly unsurpassed by any, and perhaps equalled by none.

With the unanimously expressed opinion from many quarters, that there existed no incompatibility between the two positions, coupled with the strong recommendation to accept the one, to continue the exercise of the functions of the other; and relying upon the well-known ability and willingness of our R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, and R. W. Grand Secretary to assume any additional duties which my distant residence might occasion, I decided to represent the interests of my government, and those of Odd-Fellowship, as well as I might, at one and the same time.

Accordingly, I sailed from New York, on the 20th of May last, after having received a flattering farewell testimonial which I can never forget, from the brothers of that city, and arrived in Chile on the 18th of June; having made such arrangements prior to my departure, as were considered necessary to preserve the machinery of the Order in proper motion.

FINANCES.

At my request, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer have each furnished abstracts, which I herewith annex, the former of the statistical returns and progress of the Order, and the latter of the revenue, as com-

pared with the corresponding period of last year. It will be a source of great gratification to the Grand Lodge to learn from these statements that our progress has been highly satisfactory, and that the finances are unprecedentedly prosperous. Grand Secretary RIDGELY remarks "that the annual returns are all received, and that a very general compliance with the law changing the fiscal year has enabled him to present the most accurate report upon the condition of the Order which has ever been made."

GENERAL RETURNS OF 1871 AND 1872 COMPARED.

(January 1, 1871, to December 31, 1872.)

Lodges	1871	4,292 00	Increase.
"	1872	5,045 00	753 00
Initiations	1871	49,257 00	
"	1872	59,250 00	9,993 00
Revenue, G. Lodge and G. Encampment	1871	3,310,009 53	
" " " " "	1872	4,291,071 12	981,061 59
Relief, " " " "	1871	1,092,095 42	
" " " " "	1872	1,503,471 40	411,375 98
Members	1871	327,877 00	
"	1872	385,097 00	57,220 00

To Grand Treasurer VANSANT I am indebted for the following concise and gratifying exhibit of the finances, as compared with the last year.

The receipts of the Grand Treasurer since the last session of the Grand Lodge, up to and including the 1st of September, 1873, are in the gross		$47,156 19
Derived from the following sources, to wit:		
From Grand Secretary JAMES L. RIDGELY, for sale of supplies, &c.	$45,502 04	
Interest on the U. S. 5-20 bonds	957 15	
Grand Lodge of Mississippi—payment of its note	300 00	
Grand Encampment of Texas—payment of its note.	397 00	
		47,156 19
Estimating that the receipts between the 1st of September, 1873, and the meeting of the Grand Lodge on 15th September will be		2,500 00
It will make the gross receipts for the year		$49,656 19
The gross expenses proper for the year up to and including 1st September, 1873, have been		$37,713 02
Estimating that bills to be paid between the date above and the 15th September, when the Grand Lodge shall meet		1,200 00
And the gross proper expenses will appear as		$38,913 00

From the foregoing statement it will appear that the receipts will exceed the expenses $10,443.17; that the *receipts* will exceed the receipts of the year ending September, 1872, the sum of $6,058.78; that the expenses will be $5,455.40 less than those of the year ending in September, 1872, with a greatly increased amount of work.

THE ORDER ABROAD.

GERMANY.—As soon as practicable after the adjournment of the last session, the charter for the *Grand Lodge of the German Empire* was prepared in accordance with the special grant, and duly forwarded to Bro. HUGO WOLLHEIM, D. D. Grand Sire for Prussia, with a special commission, the form of which is appended to this report, marked No. 1, authorizing him or

such proper person as he might appoint, to institute the same. The papers reached their destination in good season, and "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" was formally instituted at Frankfort-on-the-Main, pursuant to previous notice to each district or jurisdiction, on the twenty-eighth day of December, 1872. The following brothers were duly chosen Grand Officers: Hugo Wollheim, M. W. Grand Sire, M. Bernheim, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Otto Schaettle, R. W. Grand Secretary, Wm. Alvater, R. W. Grand Marshal, E. Wenzel, R. W. Grand Chaplain, S. Spiro, Grand Guardian, G. Berlin, Grand Messenger.

This array of names, comprising many of those who have been so honorably connected with the progress of the Order in Europe, is a sufficient guarantee that its interests will be in good keeping; and there can be no doubt, that under so auspicious a beginning, a result will be achieved sufficiently satisfactory to the most enthusiastic devotee of Odd-Fellowship.

At this first session of the Grand Lodge, a resolution of thanks was unanimously voted to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a copy of which, engraved in the most elaborate form, with a photographic group also, of the charter members, has been received by Grand Secretary Ridgely. A proper acknowledgment of the courtesy is due, and I recommend that it be ordered. I would also recommend the preparation of a formal epistle, salutatory and fraternal from the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

As being eminently, a most proper measure in this connection I would recommend the remission of all dues from subordinates in Europe. Also, that there be prepared a tariff of prices on supplies sold to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire at five per cent. above cost to meet the expense of transportation, etc.

It is also but just and proper, that the expenses incurred by Bro. Wollheim, in his trip from New York to Baltimore, to attend the last session of this body, by invitation of the Grand Sire, be refunded to him. The amount, I believe, is something over $150.

A periodical entitled *The Herz und Hand*, and reports of the several D. D. Grand Sires have been received, together with returns of subordinates under their respective charges. Grand Sire Wollheim has been written to requesting him to furnish the Grand Lodge of the United States a statement of the entire strength of the Order under his jurisdiction. I believe no answer has as yet been received.

In thus closing the notice of the Order in Germany, I must take occasion to congratulate the Grand Lodge of the United States, and those eminent brothers who have been so largely instrumental in bringing it about, upon this splendid achievement, the full results of which none can forecast, but which the least ardent among us, must admit, is destined to extend American Odd-Fellowship throughout the length and breadth of Europe.

I trust the closest correspondence may be maintained with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

Switzerland.—Three Lodges have been instituted in this historic Republic: Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich; Pestallozi, No. 2, Baden; Fellenberg, No. 3, Berne

The jurisdiction is at this time under the charge of D. D. Grand Sire Altenhoffer, and the Lodges named are in a highly prosperous condition. Bro. Hemmich, the former D. D. Grand Sire, has proven himself one of the most efficient workers in the cause of Odd-Fellowship in Europe, and the success of the Order in Switzerland, is largely due to his energy and ability. A public dedication of the Odd-Fellows' Hall in Zurich was held on October 1st, and was a most gratifying success.

Believing we have struck the true policy of propagandism in the organization of parent bodies in foreign countries, when circumstances and sufficient numbers warrant it, I recommend that proper measures be taken for the organization of a Grand Lodge for Switzerland.

AUSTRALIA.—Soon after the adjournment of your last session, I addressed a letter to D. D. Grand Sire, HENRY VINE, a copy of which marked No. 2 accompanies this report. No answer whatever, has reached me, although the Grand Secretary has received the Journal of the last session of the Grand Lodge held at Victoria.

I am impressed with the belief that some measures must be taken to assist the Order in Australia. A special and personal communication with them would be highly desirable; and unless your resolution passed at the last session should be modified or repealed, I shall endeavor to find some qualified brother, who will accept the mission to that distant country.

As a measure of justice, as well as of policy, I recommend such a modification of the terms of the charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia as shall place it on a footing with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, so that all local subjects touching membership, etc., may be remitted to its own regulation.

THE WEST INDIES.—We hear nothing further from this source, the *color* question having apparently decided the case against us.

THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.—This jurisdiction has returned to its original relation as an immediate Subordinate of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in virtue of the legislation of the last session touching the powers of Grand Bodies over subordinates in contiguous territory. In consequence thereof, Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, has been revived, and a D. D. Grand Sire appointed—Bro. C. S. BARTOW, who has proven himself a very efficient officer. Reports have been received, and the correspondence with the jurisdiction has been of a profitable and agreeable character.

There is but one Lodge in the Islands—Excelsior, No. 1, at Honolulu. The Order must certainly grow with its usual rapidity in these Islands, when a Grand Lodge has been established; the effort to create which should immediately be made by the brothers.

SOUTH AMERICA.

PERU.—A Lodge is already located at Lima, and doing well; application for a second, to be located at Callao, has been made during the recess. It was my settled purpose to stop at Callao *en route* to Chile, and make a personal visit to Lima Lodge, No. 1, in the city of the ancient Incas, and also to institute the Lodge at Callao, if it had not already been done under the authority previously sent. Upon my arrival at the port of Callao, however, I found myself utterly prostrated by my long and stormy voyage from New York, and so ill as to be unable to carry out my intention. I was reluctantly compelled to continue my journey, after an anchorage of only two hours before Callao, with the determination of visiting Peru, so soon as I could arrange my affairs in Chile. At the date of writing this report (July 15th), I have not heard from Bro. HURWITZ in answer to a letter, soliciting the designation of a time when it would be most agreeable to the brothers to receive a visit. The new Lodge will probably be opened before the assembling of your session.

I desire to mention in honorable terms the names of Bros. JAS. PASCOE and N. HURWITZ, who have been active and efficient in the establishment of the Order in this progressive republic.

CHILE.—At the date of this writing, the Grand Sire has been in this beautiful country three weeks, and has succeeded in finding five Odd-Fellows, with whom he has arranged to send for cards, preliminary to the application for a warrant and the establishment of a Lodge at Valparaiso. I trust it may be opened before the close of the year. Valparaiso is a city of about eighty thousand inhabitants, with a large and rapidly increasing English-speaking population. A Lodge will certainly prosper at this point, and furnish the nucleus for others at different places in the state.

The impression prevails with some that the Order cannot flourish to any extent in South America. It is a mistake. The civilization of the country is different, in many respects from that of Europe and North America, but it is a civilization, nevertheless, and one of high character; destined to keep pace with the march of the world, and contribute its full share to the improvement and development of the age. Our Order is a *humanizing* institution, far ahead in its theories of the present attainment of the world, and to be worked up to, in practical application, as the crowning excellence of the every-day man. There are but two factors in the computation of its results—population and intelligence. They are, indisputably, both present in South America. WILDEY had scarcely a grander field, when he conceived the idea of planting the germ of this admirable institution in the United States.

It may be stated as an axiom, that the greater the difficulty of accomplishing good the greater the necessity for the attempt. Here is an immense territory, prolific in all the resources of mineral and agricultural wealth, of the most favored spots of our common earth; and swarming with a population, no inconsiderable part of which, is high up in the scale of civilization, with all its achievements in art, literature and science. Never let it be said that the Odd-Fellowship of 1873 was less aggressive and courageous than that of 1819; but let every fostering care be extended to the initial efforts of this great movement, remembering, that in the attempt to add to the happiness of mankind,

> "No pent-up Utica contracts our powers,
> But the whole boundless continent is ours."

JURISDICTION OF GRAND BODIES OVER CONTIGUOUS SUBORDINATES.

This is a subject of much importance, and it seems imperative that the Grand Lodge should be more specific in its legislation upon the matter. Communications from different sources during the year, have convinced me that there is a wide-spread misapprehension as to the exact law and usage to be observed. In my answer to the Grand Master of Oregon, a copy of which, together with his letter are appended to this report, (marked Nos. 3 and 4,) I have endeavored to state the spirit and policy of the Grand Lodge in broader terms. Whether I have, or have not succeeded in so doing, I hope some action at length may be taken at the present session, to the end that there may be no future conflict of opinion or diversity of procedure.

DECISIONS.

These have been few during the recess, the greater number of the inquiries being covered by existing law, to which I have had only to refer. The following are submitted for your consideration and approval should they be found in accord with existing law:

First. Do officers who were first elected at a special session of a Grand Encampment for the purpose of institution and installation of officers, on the first day of July last, (1872,) hold their positions until the first regular session, (October, 1872,) or until some future session?

Answer. The official term of Grand Officers is twelve months, and they must serve for a major period of the term, or they are not entitled to the past honors. In the case referred to, the officers have served only a little over three months; they must therefore, continue service until the next regular session of the Grand Encampment. (See Digest, par. 1288.)

Second. As this is a case of much interest, which will probably come before you in the form of an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, I append a copy of the communication transmitted to me by the Grand Master of Tennessee, together with my answer thereto, marked Nos. 5 and 6.

The point decided by me was as to the status of Bro. JOHN M. ALFORD in his Lodge during the pendancy of the appeal, my

Answer, being declaratory of the general principle that a member, in his status, remains where he is left by the legal action of his Lodge, until the highest tribunal of appeal resorted to, shall have rendered its decision.

I recommend a careful perusal of the papers acted upon, and the framing of a general law to meet future cases.

Third. The general principle involved in this decision is analogous to the preceding. A Subordinate Lodge refuses a member benefits. The Grand Lodge of the State reverses the decision, and an appeal is taken by the subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States. To the question, "must the Lodge pay the dues?" I gave as

Answer, That the decision of the Lodge must stand until reversed by the highest tribunal of appeal, and it cannot be forced, therefore, to pay the dues, until the case is finally decided against the subordinate. The correspondence, being of interest, is attached hereto, marked Nos. 7 and 8.

Fourth. The Constitution of a State Grand Body can only be amended in the manner prescribed by the Constitution itself.

Fifth. Neither a Grand Lodge, or any body subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, can change the terms of officers.

These two latter inquiries came from the State of Wisconsin, and as the first of them may come before you in another form, I append the correspondence. (No. 9.)

Sixth. This is the question referred to in my remarks on the powers of Grand Bodies in relation to contiguous subordinates, and the correspondence in full is herewith submitted. Nos. 3 and 4.

Seventh. The law requiring that officers shall wear *jewels*, it is *not* a compliance therewith to have them "*wrought* in the regalia."

Additional legislation being needed, a copy of my letter is added. No. 10.

VISITATIONS.

These have been few and informal in character. The ground having been so recently and so ably covered in the matter of visitation by my last two predecessors, I had not designed making many official visits during the first year of my service; and my unexpected departure for South America prevented those I had in contemplation.

WARRANTS ISSUED DURING THE RECESS.

Warrants have been issued for a Grand Encampment, and the following Subordinate Encampments and Subordinate Lodges, during the recess.

Alemania Lodge, No. 2, September 2, 1872, located at Dresden, Saxony.

Pestalozzi Lodge, No. 2, October 29, 1872, located at Baden, Switzerland.

Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, December 30, 1872, located at Elk Point, Dakota Territory.

Fellenberg Lodge, No. 3, February 25, 1873, located at Berne, Switzerland.

Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, April 9, 1873, located at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Callao Lodge, No. 2, April 9, 1872, located at Callao, in the Republic of Peru, S. A.

..... Lodge, No. 1, May 21, 1873, located at Winnepeg, Province of Manitoba, Dominion of Canada.

Star Encampment, No. 5, November 14, 1872, located at Georgetown, Colorado Territory.

Grand Encampment of Colorado, February 22, 1873, located at Denver, Colorado Territory.

Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, April 21, 1873, located at Pensacola, Florida.

Lessing Encampment, No. 1, December 26, 1872, located at Dresden, Saxony.

Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, July 1, 1873, located at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory.

Illinois Encampment, No. 3, June 4, 1873, charter restored, located at Chicago, Illinois.

Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, April 16, 1873, located at Saint Paul, Minnesota, duplicate charter in place of original destroyed by fire, January 29, 1873.

Saint Paul Lodge, No. 2, May 23, 1873, located at Saint Paul, Minnesota, duplicate charter in place of original destroyed by fire, January 29, 1873.

RETURN BY OFFICERS.

The official returns, made by D. D. Grand Sires and other special commissioners, by whom the several subordinates were instituted, are respectfully presented herewith.

THE NEW CHARGE BOOK.

This was prepared in accordance with the order of the Grand Lodge, and was ready for issue about the first of January. Eleven thousand copies were distributed, and the form seemed to give quite general satisfaction. From certain representations made to me, I thought it advisable upon consultation with our worthy Grand Secretary, to issue a proclamation relating to the Charge Book, a copy of which is appended. (No. 11.) A general and willing compliance was the result.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

This was duly issued in accordance with previous custom, but delay in the mails rendered its appearance rather late. The observance of the day (April 26th) was pretty generally followed.

SCHOOLS AND ASYLUMS.

Under this head I desire to call your attention to a case, which will probably come before you at the present session. It relates to the resolutions of this Grand Lodge at its session of 1870, (page 4888 of the revised Journal,) and the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, whereby it was resolved to tax the Subordinates of that State for the building of an Odd-Fellows' Institute, making the proviso, that "this action shall first be submitted to the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for his approval."

In order to properly understand the case, it will be necessary to have all the papers before you, and I attach them hereto in full. (Nos. 12, 13 and 14.)

The point which the Grand Sire was obliged to make, that he had no power to approve or disapprove under the Constitution, will be found in the letter to Grand Rep. WHITNEY. Beyond this, however, there is a principle to be settled of the most vital import to the Order, viz.: *To what extent and for what general purposes may a tax be levied upon Subordinates and their members?* In my judgment, the question is fraught with importance, and you cannot consider it too carefully. Having full confidence in your wisdom, I submit the whole matter for your determination.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

At your last session, a law was passed authorizing the Grand Secretary to provide himself with such additional temporary assistance, as he might desire. (Page 5481 of the Journal.)

This law was passed in a commendable spirit of appreciation of the efforts of this much-loved officer, who has devoted his life to the cause of Odd-Fellowship with all the enthusiasm of a devotee. I am con-

vinced, however, from my observation during the past year, that the law has not brought the relief to Bro. RIDGELY, it was anticipated it would, and desired it should do. The fear of transgressing the limits of the authority conferred, and the same old willingness to labor for others, which has characterized him in the past, has operated to prevent him availing himself of the full assistance contemplated to be furnished by the action of last session.

During the recess, his health has been most seriously impaired, and the brotherhood for weeks, were greatly alarmed for his safety. Like all men, who draw too heavily on the resources of nature, "and steal the hours of the night, to lengthen out the day," he has been admonished at length, in no uncertain voice, that there is a limit to human endurance.

I have observed this faithful officer for years, and have always regarded him as a marvel of industry and executive power. But few realize to what an extent he guides the destinies of Odd-Fellowship. Under our present system, we change the executive head of the Order, every two years—a period so brief as to forbid the desired proficiency of any man, no matter what his native talent; for it requires constant familiarity with the records of the Order, its laws and usages, to master the details of the office. In addition to this circumstance, the Grand Sire is often chosen from a portion of country remote from the seat of the Grand Lodge, and of necessity he is inaccessible to its archives, except upon an occasional visit. He therefore, lacks a most important requisite to constitute him, *de facto*, the executive head.

In spite of all this, the machinery moves on without noise, and without a jar under all administrations, for there sits in the Grand Secretary's office, a quiet, thoughtful man, regulating its movements, so far as his powers permit, and with Argus eye watching every component part of the harmonious whole. This requires, not only great industry and faithfulness, but rare executive talent and ability; such talent as being placed over the interests of some large corporation, would command in the markets of the world, triple the amount in dollars we have ever paid to our Grand Secretary.

Considering then, the rapidly increasing duties and cares of the office, and the as rapidly increasing inability of our Grand Secretary to perform them, it is obviously, but an act of justice to him, and a proper recognition of his long and faithful service, to supply him with the fullest assistance in his office. With this end in view, I recommend that you authorize him to employ an assistant of his own selection, regularly by the year, and permit him to allow such salary as in his own judgment shall command the requisite ability.

THE HISTORY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP.

I approach a topic upon which I have a few earnest words to say. The importance of compiling a history of the American Order, has been recognized by some fragmentary legislation of this body, which however, has been barren of any practical results. If it be desirable to have an authentic history of the rise and progress of Odd-Fellowship in America, as seems to be universally conceded, then, manifestly, it is the dictate of common sense, that such history be written while persons are among us, contemporary, and therefore personally conversant with, the scenes and persons of which they are to write. By delay in this important matter, we have already lost all *personal* evidence of the beginning of Odd-Fellowship in America, and we cannot approach the historic year of 1819 nearer than a decade; nor have we a participator in any of the important events of those first ten years.

While this is to be regretted, yet the possibility of reparation is not entirely gone. We have two brothers still among us, who have had a long and distinguished connection with the Order; men who entered the ranks in early youth, and have ever since been closely identified with its progress. These are P. G. Sire KENNEDY, and Grand Secretary RIDGELY.

The former of these has undertaken the self-imposed task of recording the history of the first decade, and has made considerable progress in the work, bringing to light many interesting facts hitherto unknown. When it shall have been completed, it must be a priceless contribution, from a brother to whom the Order will owe a monument for his services in the cause of humanity. Enveloped, as he is, with cares and labors of a personal nature; not enjoying the best of health; obliged to steal a few moments here and there, as his business or health may permit, the work has not progressed with the rapidity which he, himself has desired. But I sincerely trust, the present session will not adjourn without taking some action looking toward assisting him in the task. What this action should be, I cannot at this distance suggest; but I would mention as among the available measures, the voting of a sum of money, which would enable him to employ an assistant in his private business, so that he might have more leisure to devote to his writing; or to employ an amanuensis.

The completion of this work, will put us in possession of a history of the first ten years. How shall the record be made complete? Who undertake the task?

In response to these interrogatories, the common eye of the fraternity falls upon a man whose genius has impressed itself upon the history of the Order for nearly forty-five years; whose brilliant mind and classic education have stamped themselves, to an enormous degree, upon the literature of the institution; and whose spotless character has been a wall of adamant against the aspersions of its enemies. Nor do the requisites of a brilliant and highly cultured intellect, a facile pen, and other happy attributes of authorship, alone mark Bro. RIDGELY as the peculiar man to become the historian of the Order; but as is well-known, he has been connected with its archives in an official capacity for over thirty years, and is familiarly conversant with every record and every line made during his long service. And to cap the climax of especial fitness, he has been contemporary with all of the prominent, early actors in its eventful history; has been one of the counsellors; has enjoyed the advantages of free consultation and intercourse with all those who have had to do with moulding its destinies; has knowledge of their views and of the spirit which actuated them, and therefore can give the freshness of life to words, which to the eye of any other, must only bear the cold aspect of mere language.

The importance of the history, and the appropriateness of the author being alike conceded, then every consideration of expediency demands that it be done at once. Our esteemed brother is rapidly nearing the period of life, when nature demands a respite from the labor of middle age; when, having borne the heat of the day, one is entitled to enjoy the shades and quiet of well-earned repose. In addition to this, the sad fact that life is uncertain, and its tenure precarious at best, is but too well impressed upon us all.

PLAN SUGGESTED.

I have already mentioned the absolute necessity of employing additional aid for the Grand Secretary in the ordinary business of the office, and I am satisfied from conversation with that officer, that he would willingly devote the most of his time to the history, if he were relieved to the extent of enabling him to prosecute the work without too great a strain upon his physical and mental faculties. Without having had the opportunity of a full conversation with Bro. RIDGELY, I am convinced that ever ready as he has always been to serve the Order, he would not fail us in this great service.

I trust then, and most earnestly recommend, that a resolution be passed authorizing the Grand Secretary to proceed with the work, and to employ such ample clerical assistance in his office as shall enable him to prosecute the task to completion; giving him plenary power over the matters of selection and compensation for such assistance.

PECUNIARY ASPECTS OF THE WORK.

Recognizing the importance of the proposed history to those, who are to perpetuate our labors in this great field, and with ample means at our command to accomplish it, it is hardly commendable to view the undertaking in the light of a monetary transaction; and yet it must be apparent to all that the copyright of such a volume written by such an author as JAMES L. RIDGELY, would be no mean investment. It would be entirely safe to estimate that a first edition of twenty-five thousand copies would no more than satisfy the demand.

With these remarks, I leave the whole matter in your hands, having entire confidence in your wise and just discrimination.

LIBRARY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

The effort to collect a library, which shall contain copies of the proceedings of all the jurisdictions of Odd-Fellowship, as well as its entire literature so far as preserved, has not, perhaps, received the appreciation its importance entitles it to. If we are to continue the progress of the past, and particularly if we are to improve upon it, we must avail ourselves of a knowledge of the opinions and acts of the great body in its entirety, and certainly no better method could be devised, than the gathering together its printed documents, in a form accessible to the legislator, the essayist and the bibliographer.

The library is still deficient in the complete records of many jurisdictions, and I desire to urge the importance of supplying them at the earliest moment.

REVISED JOURNAL OF 1872.

I must take this opportunity of expressing my gratification at the great improvement in the last Journal over all its predecessors; at its early publication, and its moderate cost, which, although the volume contains some seventy pages more than that of 1871 was nearly one thousand dollars less.

PRINTING SUPPLIES.

The special committee on this subject, which was created by resolution of the last session, duly organized pursuant to the provisions of the law, by the election of Grand Representative JOHN MEDOLE of New York, as chairman (who was appointed to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of P. G. Sire NICHOLSON,) and Rep. THEO. A. ROSS, of New Jersey, as secretary. Under their management all of the supplies have been contracted for, and furnished during the year. I am not able to communicate any special information as to the success of the experiment, further than that the Grand Secretary has expressed his great satisfaction as to the relief which it has afforded his office, and the pecuniary advantage attained. The committee will report in detail.

MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATIONS.

The multiplication of these associations, and their apparently growing popularity would seem to indicate the policy of ascertaining to what extent they should be encouraged by the Order in its corporate aspects, and upon what scales they may be made to most practically operate.

The principle upon which they are based, is being largely used by many associations outside of our own Order, as furnishing an economical and reliable method of life insurance. How far the principle may be a correct one, and if solvent and enduring associations may be built upon it, what general rules are necessary for their successful operation, can only be deter-

mined by investigation, the collation of statistics, the application of established principles, and by experience.

With the view of advantaging the Order by the adoption of any means which may further its general objects, I recommend that a standing committee upon the subject be appointed, who shall have charge of the whole matter, collecting statistical information, and making such reports and recommendations, from time to time, as may result from their investigations.

DROPPING FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

It was my purpose to submit, in detail at the present session, some views I entertain, formed from observation and reflection upon the spirit and genius of the Order for a number of years, upon the subject of dropping members for non-payment of dues, whereby our ranks are annually decimated of a large proportion of our membership, and our true ratio of increase perverted and diminished thereby. There is a principle of equity, as well as of expediency lying at the bottom of the matter, which we must ultimately settle upon, if we are to reap the full possibilities of the destiny of Odd-Fellowship.

Perhaps my views are not sufficiently matured for presentation; at all events they can lose nothing by the reflection of another year.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

The reports of several of these officers will be found on file with my correspondence. Where all are so efficient, it would be invidious to make distinction. The thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to one and all.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding this report, hastily written amid the absorbing duties incident to the assumption of public, official position in a distant land, I desire to express my thanks to the many brothers who have been my valued advisers during the past year, a few of whom I may mention here without detriment to the claims of many others. These are: Past Grand Sires Veitch, Stuart, Sanders, Kennedy, Nicholson, Farnsworth; Deputy Grand Sire Durham; Grand Secretary Ridgely; Reps. Medole, Leech, P. G. Reps. Barnes, J. Griswold, etc., etc.

I had hoped to have been with you in person, at your present session, up to a recent moment; but the lateness of my arrival in Chile, and the many claims upon my time, will prevent it, greatly to my disappointment and sorrow. I have the promise to make, however, that no effort shall be spared on my part, to advance the interests of the Order, and no duty neglected, whereby its well-being may suffer. Should my life and health be spared, I shall enjoy the pleasure (to me, a most genuine one) of meeting you again at our next session.

Let me then bid you adieu until that time, with the expression of the hope, that you may enjoy a pleasant and profitable session; and that the good work in which you are engaged—now become part of the history of the epoch in which we live—may continue to grow in proportion, until its spread shall comprehend every people of the globe, and its happy influence be everywhere recognized among the dwellers of earth,

> "As the rainbow to the storms of life;
> The evening beam, that smiles the clouds away,
> And tints to-morrow with prophetic ray."

Fraternally yours,

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

To all whom this may come:

GREETING.

Know ye, that by, and in accordance with the authority invested in me, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its session in Baltimore, September 1872, I hereby appoint and commission our beloved brother, HUGO WOLLHEIM, or such other proper brother as he may designate, to be special Deputy Grand Sire, for the purpose of instituting the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, I. O. O. F., to be located at Berlin, Prussia, in accordance with the charter already issued by order of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session; and as such deputy to call to his aid competent assistance, and institute the said Grand Lodge of the German Empire, in accordance with the ancient and recognized usages and laws of the Order; and when so instituted to make report thereof, to this office.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, this nineteenth day of November, 1872.

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

Leavenworth, Kansas, December 9, 1872.

D. D. Grand Sire, HENRY VINE.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: As you have no doubt observed by the report of the special committee on Foreign Relations, to be found on page 5543 of the Journal, Grand Lodge of the United States, session of September, 1872, the Grand Sire was authorized to appoint a special commissioner to visit Australia, provided it could be accomplished without expense to the Grand Lodge. This proviso was agreed to, through no niggardly spirit of economy, nor yet an indifference to the wants and necessities of the Order in Australia, for I can assure you, the brothers of our own continent feel the most anxious interest in the welfare of the brothers of your far-off country. But this action was had in pursuance of what now seems to be a settled policy of our Grand Lodge, to incur no expense in the extension of the Order to other countries; and likewise because in the words of the committee, "the finances of the Grand Lodge do not warrant it."

I am of the opinion, that a visit from an able, competent brother, would be of incalculable benefit to the Order in Australasia. Your jurisdiction would realize the advantages of personal communications—you would reap the advantages arising from a personal detail of our laws, usages, customs, etc., and we should more fully learn your wants and necessities, and hence be better able to appreciate, and do what might be in our power, to relieve them.

How to accomplish it, is the serious question. I write more for the purpose of an interchange of views, than in the hope of arriving at an immediate conclusion.

Will you be kind enough to communicate fully with me upon the subject? Whatever may lie in my power to do for you, shall be done promptly and willingly. With expressions of the sincerest esteem,

I am fraternally yours,

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE M. W. GRAND MASTER, R. W. G. L. OREGON,
Oregon City, December 6, 1872.

M. W. Grand Sire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In looking over the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the last communication, I find Bro. F. D. STUART, Past Grand Sire, made the following remarks in his annual report: "Subordinates, where no Grand Bodies, transferred to contiguous jurisdictions—Extent and character of such jurisdiction." "Letters have been received during the recess from the Sandwich Islands, from Oregon, Utah, and California, inviting my attention to the proper relation of subordinates transferred by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the jurisdiction of contiguous Grand Lodges. It appears that under the theory that such transfer was absolute, some State Grand Bodies have presumed to abrogate or supercede the original charters issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to substitute State charters to such subordinates; others have assumed jurisdiction over the entire contiguous State or Territory, and chartered Lodges or Encampments therein."

"The Grand Sire has replied that such procedure was, in his opinion, an entire misconception of the design of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the premises; that the original charter under which such subordinate was organized was its lawful warrant to work, and that a warrant issued by a State Grand Body as a substitute therefor, or in lieu of it, was wholly unauthorized and invalid. That no State Grand Body has power to issue a charter for, or to establish a subordinate, outside of its Territorial limits. In my view, such transfer of jurisdiction, growing out of the remoteness of the subordinate from the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the difficulty of intercommunication with the Grand Corresponding Secretary, was designed only to be temporary in its duration, exceedingly limited in its extent, and was subject to reclamation by the parent Grand Body whenever the welfare of the subordinate might require it, or there should be a sufficient number of them in the State or Territory to authorize the formation of a Grand Body."

The above part of the Grand Sire's report was referred to a committee, and upon their report recommending the adoption of the Grand Sire's view, the report of the committee was adopted.

The Grand Lodge of the United States thereby adopted the view taken by the Grand Sire, "*that no State Grand Body* has power to issue a *charter for or establish a subordinate* outside of its Territorial limits."

If this is correct, then the Grand Lodge of Oregon has certainly had a misconception of the design of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the premises. I am clearly of the opinion that it will be evident to you that the Grand Sire and the committee overlooked the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States in granting to Oregon the jurisdiction of Washington and Idaho, or at least it so appears to me; and as it seems, in the Journal above referred to, reflects upon the Grand Lodge of Oregon. It appears to me that the view taken by the Grand Sire and Grand Lodge, by their adoption, so far as relates to Oregon, is not in accordance with a fair construction of the law. It seems to me that a fair construction of the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in granting to this Grand Lodge the jurisdiction of Washington and Idaho Territories will, without doubt, exonerate this Grand Lodge from the inferred charge of assuming unwarranted authority.

I find upon examination of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that at the annual communication of said Grand Lodge, held in the city of Baltimore, September, 1861, at which time there was but one Subordinate Lodge in Washington Territory, that the Grand Lodge of the

United States acted upon and adopted the following resolution, to be found on page 3362 of the Journal of said Grand Lodge:

"*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Lodges within the Territory of Washington be attached to and made subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and that the Grand Lodge of Oregon have full jurisdiction over the Territory of Washington." (Adopted. See page 3381.)

Since the adoption of the above, the Grand Lodge of Oregon has regarded the Territory of Washington as part and parcel of the Grand Lodge, and has admitted Representatives from the subordinates in said Territory, and in all respects regarded them in the same position as subordinates in Oregon, until the Grand Lodge of the United States may rescind, or, in some other way, dispose of the Lodges in said Territory.

Since the adoption of the above resolution the Grand Lodge of Oregon has regarded the words "full jurisdiction over the Territory of Washington," as they appear in said resolution, to give them the power to entertain and pass upon all applications for new Lodges without subjecting them to the charge of "misconception of the design of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the premises."

Since the year 1861, the Order in Washington Territory has prospered as rapidly as could have been expected in a sparsely settled Territory. At the last session of this Grand Lodge it appears there were five Subordinate Lodges in said Territory, with a total membership of one hundred and eighty-five.

Since the session of the Grand Lodge I have granted a dispensation, and on the 22d day of October last instituted, at Olympia, Western Lodge, No. 6, with six charter members. I had been applied to, and had assented to granting the dispensation previous to receiving the Journal of the last communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States. After a careful examination of the law placing said Territory under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, I concluded not to withdraw my assent given to the applicants.

In the matter of Idaho Territory, you will find upon examination of the Journal, page 3576, that Bro. HOVEY, Representative from Oregon, offered the following:

"*Resolved*, That the Territory of Idaho be and hereby is attached to the jurisdiction of Oregon, and that the R. W. Grand Lodge of said State be and hereby is authorized to exercise jurisdiction over the same."

Resolution referred to Legislative Committee, (see report, page 3578,) and the same adopted.

I would call your attention to the fact that the action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States was previous to the establishment of any Subordinate Lodge in said Territory of Idaho.

It cannot be doubted but what the Grand Lodge of the United States intended to convey to this Grand Lodge the power to entertain, manage and control the establishment of Subordinate Lodges in said Territory.

In acting upon this idea, this Grand Lodge has established six Lodges in said Territory of Idaho, with a total membership of two hundred up to the 31st day of December last.

It will not be doubted that the Grand Lodge of the United States can at any time revoke the power conferred in the above cases, but I am unable to find any action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States that would seem to withdraw the jurisdiction given, unless it is held that the adoption of the report of Grand Sire STUART is construed to withdraw the power previously exercised by this Grand Lodge. I am of the opinion that it will be readily admitted that in both cases the jurisdiction was granted to this Grand Lodge.

It seems to me that it would not be a fair construction of the intention of the Grand Lodge of the United States to conclude that they intended to

withdraw the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge without making some provision for the Lodges in said Territories.

Hoping you will pardon the length of my communication upon this subject, I will state my only object is, that the matter may be fully understood, and should it appear that this Grand Lodge has been unjustly reflected upon, I know that it was unintentional, and that you and the Grand Lodge of the United States will not permit that reflection to remain unjustly upon any one.

I would ask you to give me your decision upon this matter, so that I may know how to treat any applications from said Territories in the future.

With the best wishes for the prosperity and usefulness of our beloved Order, trusting that a kind Providence will watch over you in your efforts to promote the Order of Odd-Fellowship,

I remain, my dear sir and brother,

Yours, in F. L. and T.,

J. T. APPERSON,

M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, I. O. O. F.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

Leavenworth, Kansas, December 19, 1872.

J. T. APPERSON, *Esq.*,

M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge Oregon.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your interesting favor of December 6th, is received. The matters you present in relation to the transferrence of certain territory to the jurisdiction of Oregon, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, are but another example of the ill effects resulting in too short sessions of that body, and what may be justly termed, the hasty legislation in consequence thereof.

There can be no doubt of the correctness of the general principle laid down at the last session (1872) of the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz., that the political boundary lines of a territory, are the natural limits of the state, territorial and district jurisdictions of Odd-Fellowship in our country; and when a territory is placed under the jurisdiction of an adjacent Grand Body, it is done simply for convenience, without implying that the attached portion has become an integral part of the govering jurisdiction. Hence, the attached territory while temporarily subordinate to an adjacent body, reserves the inalienable right to its own territory, and to be erected into a separate jurisdiction so soon as it may be able to comply with the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

This is the general principle. The Grand Lodge might have gone further, and stated in detail the relationship between the Lodge and its temporary protector. My own view is, that the governing body has no right to institute Lodges in the acquired territory, that being a right reserved to the Grand Lodge of the United States; but *when* instituted, the Lodge passes under the direct jurisdiction of the governing body as completely as one of its own subordinates—pays its dues to the Grand Body—is governed by its laws (where they do not conflict with laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, specially applicable to it,) and is entitled to representation, etc., etc.

When a sufficient number of subordinates exist in the new territory to petition for a Grand Body, the petition may be granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and henceforth the new jurisdiction begins life upon its own account. While under the jurisdiction of an adjacent governing body, such body ought to make regular and full report of the condition of its *proteges*, to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

I cannot believe the Grand Lodge of Oregon deserving of censure, in instituting new Lodges in attached territory, under a misapprehension of its powers and privileges. As the law is now set forth, you will please observe

it in future; and as to these Lodges which have been already instituted by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, a curing act may be passed for their benefit, if neceesary, by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Upon this basis, I advise you to rest the matter, until the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, when it may either ratify or disapprove the positions I have herein taken, as may, in its wisdom, appear best.

With sentiments of respect and esteem, I am,

Fraternally yours,

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

FAYETTEVILLE, TENN., October 31, 1872.

To A. M. BURNEY,

M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, I. O. O. F.

Your petitioners, GEO. B. BOYLE, JAMES B. WILSON, N. O. WALLACE, W. T. MOYERS and M. W. WOODARD, would respectfully show unto you that they are members in good standing of Calhoun Lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., of this jurisdiction. That as such they appealed from the action of said Calhoun Lodge to the said Grand Lodge, at its last session, charging that said Calhoun Lodge had acted in an unconstitutional and illegal manner in reinstating JOHN M. ALFORD, formerly a member of said Lodge, who had been dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues. Said Grand Lodge, at said session, dismissed said appeal, and petitioners appealed to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, where the same is now pending, and will be heard and determined at its next session.

Petitioners would now show that after said appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States had been taken, and in the *absence of the brother representing petitioners* in said Grand Lodge of Tennessee, the following question was asked, viz., "What is the status of Bro. JNO. M. ALFORD since the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and is he entitled to a seat in his Lodge?" Which was answered as follows: "That we find the facts to be as follows: The Noble Grand of the Lodge, to which Bro. ALFORD belonged, declared him dropped from the roll; that the members of the Lodge by their action reversed this decision of the Lodge, from which the minority of the Lodge appealed to this Grand Lodge, whose action was confirmatory of the action of the majority of the Subordinate Lodge, from which action of this body an appeal has been taken to the Grand Lodge of United States, where it will be pending for some time. Upon these facts, we are of the opinion, that during the pendency of this appeal Bro. JNO. M. ALFORD is entitled to a seat in his Lodge."

That this reference to the facts of said case compel your petitioners to refer to them more fully, and for the correctness of the statements they may make, they refer to the transcript now on file in the Grand Secretary's office. The Permanent Secretary of said Calhoun Lodge reported said ALFORD's indebtedness, as required in the constitution, at a larger amount than one year's dues—the Noble Grand thereupon declared him dropped from the rolls. A number of committees on said case were afterwards appointed in said Lodge, upon various pretexts, and, finally, said Lodge, upon mere motion, declared the action of the Noble Grand erroneous, and declared Bro. ALFORD a member in good standing. From this action of the Lodge petitioners prayed said appeal, insisting that said action was in direct violation of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges adopted by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, Articles II, Section 2, and VIII, Sections 2 and 3. And petitioners further insisted that there was not even an attempt to meet the requirements of said constitution.

Petitioners would further show that if they had been notified, or had any information that further action was sought in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, they would have been present to have appealed from it also, and would not have permitted themselves to have been taken at this disadvantage.

Petitioners now insist that said action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was entirely illegal, for the following reasons, viz.:

1. Because the law fixes the status of a member pending appeal, and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee could not change it. (See Digest, section 96.)

2. Because it was virtually deciding the appeal in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and ignoring the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. We appealed because the Lodge, upon mere motion, and without an application from said ALFORD, reinstated him. Now if he is to come into the Lodge in full fellowship, what became of the rights of the minority?

3. Because the appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States changed the jurisdiction, and the Grand Lodge of Tennessee could legally take no further action in the matter.

4. Because the facts, even those only stated in the answer, did not justify the action taken.

The premises considered, petitioners pray that you will supersede or suspend the reinstating of said ALFORD in said Calhoun Lodge, No. 26, until said appeal shall be heard and determined on its merits in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and, as in duty bound, they will ever pray, &c.

GEO. B. BOYLES,
JAMES B. WILSON,
N. O. WALLACE,
W. T. MOYERS,
M. W. WOODARD.

FAYETTEVILLE, TENN., November 1, 1872.

Prof. A. M. BURNEY, *W. W. Grand Master*,
McMinnville, Tenn.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I enclose a memorial from myself and others, appellants to the last Grand Lodge. The facts, or at least the material facts, are stated in the memorial. Our appeal is being prosecuted because the majority are attempting to *bring* ALFORD *into the Lodge in violation of the Constitution.* What avails the appeal if the evil sought to be avoided by it is still to proceed? Is it not a most extraordinary proceeding for an inferior tribunal (the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, or Calhoun Lodge) to carry into full effect its decrees while the matter is still being litigated by appeal in the superior tribunal? (Grand Lodge of the United States.)

I am entirely satisfied that it is a clear and flagrant violation of law, which I think the Grand Lodge of Tennessee fell into by the failure of committees to investigate properly. Of course the Grand Lodge cannot make investigations by any other means. All we want to secure is the full and *authoritative investigation and determination of the law*, and we do not want it robbed of its point right in the beginning.

I was obliged to come home on Friday night, and in order to do so had to be out of the Grand Lodge room almost all day on Friday, but if I had had any notice that further action was sought then, I should have saved both you and myself this trouble.

Now I am not prosecuting this matter as a *lawyer*, but as a *brother Odd-Fellow*, watchful of my *obligations* and the *good of the Order.* Feeling so in relation to it, I shall express my honest and real opinion for your consideration. All that I have asked for in the memorial I think is right and proper, and *ought to be granted in full.* I think the laws of our Order and common sense alike unite in demanding that course. But can *you* grant it? No, I think not *fully.* I could not conscientiously ask you to reverse entirely the action of the Grand Lodge, but I think you can do this for us. you can *suspend* the reinstating of Bro. ALFORD *temporarily* by an order on this Lodge, in order that the question may be determined by competent authority, and after endorsing that action on the back of the memorial, you can for-

ward it to the Grand Sire for his decision. *We* cannot go to the Grand Sire with our case at all, but he is bound to notice and respect your communication. I am convinced that the Grand Sire's authority to suspend or reverse the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee is full and complete, while yours is at least doubtful. Therefore, if you will only forward the memorial to him for his action, and in the meantime order Calhoun Lodge to take no further step in the matter until his decision can be obtained, I am sure the appellants will be entirely satisfied.

We would like to have your action here by next Wednesday evening, if convenient to you, and by *Thursday* at *latest*.

I have the honor to remain, most truly and fraternally,

GEO. B. BOYLES.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

Leavenworth, Kansas, November 14, 1872.

A. M. BURNEY, *Esq.*,

M. W. Grand Master Grand Lodge Tennessee.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your communication referring memorials of G. W. BOYLES and others, for my official decision, is received. As you submit no statement of fact youself, the only statement I can take official cognizance of, is that made by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, as quoted in the memorial of the petitioners. This statement is: That we find the facts to be as follows: "the Noble Grand of the Lodge to which Bro. ALFORD belonged declared him dropped from the roll—that the members of the Lodge by their action reversed this decision of the Lodge—(the Noble Grand's)—from which the minority of the Lodge appealed to this Grand Lodge, whose action was confirmatory of the action of the majority of the Subordinate Lodge, from which action of this body an appeal has been taken to the Grand Lodge of the United States, where it will be pending for some time—upon these facts we are of the opinion that during the pendency of this appeal, Bro. JNO. M. ALFORD is entitled to a seat in his Lodge." The arguments of the memorialists and those contained in the private letter of Bro. BOYLES are ingenious, and would be reasonable if it were not for one error they have fallen into, which seems to have been shared by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, viz., that of assuming that Bro. ALFORD had actually been dropped for non-payment of dues, *which certainly was not the* case. A Subordinate Lodge is an organization possessing certain powers, privileges, prerogatives and responsibilities. It is represented in its executive capacity by certain officers, with certain trusts reposed in them, and subject to certain well-defined laws and rules. The *Lodge is sovereign*, so far as its powers extend, and the Noble Grand is only its executive officer, and not its sovereign ruler. He is the mouth-piece—the spokesman—the official representative of his Lodge, but his acts are subject to reversal or approval by the collective wisdom of the body over which he presides, in the same degree, that a State Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge of the United States, reverses or approves the acts and decisions of a Grand Master or a Grand Sire. Now, in the transaction of its legitimate business, the Noble Grand of Calhoun Lodge decided that Bro. JNO. M. ALFORD had become subject to the infliction of the penality of dropping from the roll, and therefore in accordance with his duty, declared him dropped; but "the members of the Lodge by their action reversed this decision of the Noble Grand." How did the case then stand? Why thus: The Noble Grand put a certain construction upon the law of the case, and declared Bro. ALFORD dropped. The Lodge considered the case "and finally said Lodge, upon mere motion, declared the action of the Noble Grand erroneous, and declared Bro. ALFORD a member of good standing." The decision of the Noble Grand was reversed, and the sentiment of the majority of the Lodge became its expressed and recognized ac-

tion. According to this expression, Bro. ALFORD *was not dropped, but remained a member!* The error of the case, out of which any subsequent ones grew, consisted in considering him dropped by the mere fiat of the Noble Grand. Hence, *Falsum in uno, falsum in omni.* The appeal was taken against this action of the Lodge, which declared Bro. ALFORD a member in good standing; and its object was of course, to get a construction of the law, which should declare him dropped under the law. Until the Grand Lodge of Tennessee met, the decision of the Lodge must stand, and Bro. ALFORD must remain a member (if he did not) until the decision was reversed. The Grand Lodge of Tennessee endorsed the action of the Lodge and declared Bro. ALFORD a member. An appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of the United States; but the decision of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee must stand until reversed, and hence Bro. ALFORD remains a member, until otherwise declared by the Grand Lodge of the United States. What your local law may be in regard to brothers, who are in arrears for dues, visiting Lodges, I do not know. I make no decision upon the original merits of the case—that being the point at issue in the appeal. My decision extends only to the status of Bro. ALFORD as affected by the previous action in the case. If it is considered by yourself as Grand Master that the exigency demands a decision upon the merits of the case, sooner than the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, you will perceive by reference to articles 1 and 4 of the constitution of that body, that a decision may be sooner reached. Fraternally yours,

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

NEWARK, N. J., November 11, 1872.

C. A. LOGAN, *Esq., M. W. Grand Sire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: If I understand the effect of the decision of Grand Sire STUART to question 2, page 5281, Grand Sire's report, an appeal arrests all proceedings that can with propriety be stopped, as for instance in the following case:

"A Subordinate Lodge refuses benefits to a member. The Grand Lodge of the State reverses the decision. The subordinate takes an appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The payment of benefits is stopped until the decision of that body is rendered."

If I am correct, please advise me; but if you advise that the benefits must be paid, please inform me that in case the Grand Lodge of the United States reverses the decision of the State Grand Lodge, thereby affirming the decision of the subordinate, how the benefits illegally paid by order of the State Grand Lodge can be recovered?

Your early answer will much oblige

Yours, fraternally,

THEO. A. ROSS.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.

Leavenworth, November 19, 1872.

Rep. THEO. ROSS.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your letter containing inquiry as to construction of law in appeal cases is received.

In answer, I would say that the action of the subordinate body is conclusive until reversed by the highest tribunal to which it appeals. In the case mentioned, the subordinate refused payment, and appeal was taken—first to the Grand Lodge of the State, and then to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The question still being undecided against the subordinate, there is no law compelling it to make an adverse decision against itself by the payment of the dues against its own construction of law and duty.

Fraternally yours,

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Leavenworth, December 2, 1872.

L. B. HILLS, *Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have but just returned from an official visit, and find your favor awaiting me. I reply at once in the hope that it may reach you before the adjournment of your session.

In answer to your first inquiry, I would reply that you can only amend your constitution in the manner prescribed by the constitution itself. Not having *all* of the facts before me, I cannot see that Grand Sire RACE's 12th decision (1858) has any special application to your case. As I understand it, the Grand Encampment Constitution has been regularly adopted by that body, submitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and has received the sanction of the latter.

The constitution of any body is a solemn compact between its members, and can only be altered or amended in the manner agreed upon. To do otherwise would be a violation of the agreement, and to jeopardize the rights and privileges of the members.

In answer to your second inquiry, I would say that neither a Grand Lodge, or any body subordinate to the Grand Lodge of the United States, can change the terms of officers. The latter body has decided what length of service shall constitute the terms of officers, and no deviation is permissible. Sincerely and fraternally yours,

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

I. O O. F.
OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Leavenworth, December 27, 1872.

W. C. EARL, *Esq., R. W. Grand Secretary*
Grand Lodge of Ohio.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In your favor of December 20th, you ask the following question:

The law requires that officers shall wear the jewels. Now if the jewels are wrought in the regalia is that not sufficient to comply with the requirement?

In answer I would say, *it is not.* Article XX of the By-Laws, Grand Lodge of the United States, declares that no jurisdiction shall adopt or use any other regalia than that prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States. This body has nowhere, within my knowledge, prescribed that the jewel may be wrought in the regalia.

Article XXII of the same by-laws, describes at length, what the regalia of the Order shall consist of; and after thus describing it, proceeds to describe the jewels of the Grand Sire, P. Grand Sires, Grand Representatives, P. Grand Representatives; treating the jewel as a distinct and separate entity, which is also the case in all allusions made to the jewel of an officer or past officer. Indeed, in the description of the jewel of the Grand Sire and Past Grand Sires, it is said, it "shall be a *medal*, three inches in diameter," etc.

By reference to paragraph 1645 of the Digest, you will perceive, the jewels of the different officers of a Grand and Subordinate Lodge are treated of; and the closing sentence is as follows: "All of said jewels shall be of *white metal.*"

Although the Grand Lodge of the United States does not seem to have defined in exact terms, the sense in which the word jewel is used, yet there can be no doubt I think, that it is to be regarded as a *medal*, and as an article distinct and separate from the regalia.

Very fraternally yours,
C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Leavenworth, December 11, 1872.

To the M. W. Grand Masters of the several Jurisdictions Subordinate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

BRETHREN: At the late session of the Grand Lodge of the United States a new Ritual for the Initiatory was, by unanimous vote, adopted and ordered to be enforced from and after January first, 1873, in lieu of the existing Form, which at the date mentioned *ceases to have any authority, or to be of any force or effect.*

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in view of the summary transition thus contemplated, has been directed to allow the old books to remain in use until a reasonable opportunity has been allowed every Subordinate to supply itself through the State Grand Secretaries with a sufficient number of copies of the new Form.

It has been reported to me, however, that in some Jurisdictions it is considered *optional*, and not *compulsory*, whether the new Form be accepted and substituted or not for the old one; and while many Grand Lodges have promptly ordered a full supply for each Subordinate, others are hesitating whether to order at all; while others still are contemplating the ordering of a single copy, with the view of containing, in part, the use of the old book.

I have, therefore, felt it to be my duty to direct that *the use of the old Initiatory Charge Book be suppressed in your Jurisdiction from and after the date heretofore named;* that they be destroyed by fire within ninety days after January first, 1873, by your authority and direction, and that you cause a certificate of this fact, indicating the number of copies, so destroyed, to be returned to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States. As a warrant for this proclamation, other than the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge, at its last session, and the general duties and powers of the Grand Sire, I refer you to the provisions of Article XX of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and request that you strictly comply with it.

An edition of ten thousand copies is being printed, which will supply two or more copies to each Lodge under this Jurisdiction, and I am advised there will be no delay rendering a compliance with this proclamation impossible.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States the day and year above written.

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

OFFICE OF SECRETARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ODD-FELLOWS' INSTITUTE OF MICHIGAN.

C. A. LOGAN, *M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., Leavenworth, Kansas.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: At the regular session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Michigan, held in February, 1873, certain action was had in reference to the subject of providing means for the support and maintenance of the Odd-Fellows' Institute of Michigan. Such action being the adoption of the resolutions herewith submitted and marked "A."

The object of this institution, as declared by our Grand Lodge, is the "education of the orphans and a home for the widowed families of members of the Order," and it is claimed by the Board of Commissioners in charge of the institution that the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as found in the printed proceedings of 1870, at page 4888, being a report of Committee on Schools and Asylums, of which JNO. A. KENNEDY,

Past Grand Sire, was chairman, gives full power and authority to our State Grand Lodge to take the action herewith submitted.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan holds the title to the property, full and absolute. The officers managing the same are its creatures, and exercise no control except as directed by its authority. It (the Grand Lodge) has received from individuals and Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction large sums of money to construct and complete the same, and now are seeking to provide for its support and maintenance.

The undersigned, Acting Commissioner and Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Institute, respectfully submit for your examination and approval the enclosed resolutions, as required by the provisions of the same. We also send you proceedings of Grand Lodge of Michigan, for 1872, referring to pages 72 to 84 inclusive, also 106 to 111, and 141.

An early reply is respectfully solicited.

Yours, very truly and fraternally,

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Chairman Board of Commissioners and Acting Commissioner.

E. H. WHITNEY,

Secretary Board of Commissioners.

"A."

Copy of resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Michigan referred to in the enclosed letter, which is hereby certified to be a correct copy thereof, and that it is the entire of the said resolutions:

FIRST.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge direct that each Subordinate Lodge, within this jurisdiction, be and is hereby assessed for the ensuing three years, the sum of fifty cents semi-annually, for each member of such Lodge as reported in the semi-annual returns made in July and January in each year to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and that such sums, so assessed, be and are hereby made payable by each Subordinate Lodge to the treasurer of the Odd-Fellows' Institute, of Michigan, at the same time that such semi-annual returns are made, provided that this action shall first be submitted to the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States for his approval.

SECOND.

Resolved, "That the members of this Grand Body be urgently requested to solicit donations and use their influence in favor of this institution."

I hereby certify the foregoing to be correct copies of resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Michigan on the 21st day of February, 1873.

E. H. WHITNEY,

Sec'y Board of Commissioners of Odd-Fellows' Institute of Michigan.

Bro. C. A. LOGAN:

By terms of the enclosed resolution you will see it is required to receive your official sanction before it is valid for the uses designed. When at Baltimore last fall I submitted the matter to many of the prominent members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, all of whom, without hesitation, consented to the idea of the authority of Grand Lodges to take such action. It will be remembered that this institution is of the creation of our Grand Lodge, and its officials elected by the Grand Lodge, and subject to its authority, and are required to report directly to the Grand Lodge, and in all things to obey its commands. We are at a stand still until we can inform our Lodges by circular of the fact of your approval, when, with no excep-

tions, (unless one or two in city of Detroit,) the Lodges will respond, and furnish the ready means to continue the project. We do not doubt but your decision will cheerfully accord with those of the Grand Lodge mentioned, and from its effects the jurisdiction of Michigan will present a grand result, to be held up before every other State Grand Jurisdiction as worthy of imitation.

Anxiously awaiting your reply, I am, sincerely and fraternally yours,

E. H. WHITNEY,
G. R. G. L. U. S.

LANSING, April 19, 1873.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary*
of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours in behalf of the M. W. Grand Sire, in reply to the question submitted by the Commissioners of our Odd-Fellows' Institute, is at hand, and I beg to submit to your consideration a view of the question from the standpoint which we believe to be the true one.

In the first place, we did not design to submit for his decision any constitutional query, but solely this one proposition, viz., "Does the Grand Lodge of Michigan receive the power to pass and enforce the resolutions submitted by virtue of the authority given by action of the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1870."

If the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States gives State Grand Lodges the power claimed by us, the whole question is determined, we think. Our constitution certainly does *not prohibit* the action of our Grand Lodge, at least no one claims it in our Grand Lodge, and we are at a stand still, from the fact that it was a proviso attached to the resolutions requiring the approval of the Grand Sire.

Our commissioners meet on the 2d of May to take action for the future, and if you are authorized by the Grand Sire to determine the point as herein stated, we shall be gratified to know the decision on the question setting aside the constitutional question—one which we did not design to raise, because it was not necessarily involved as we believed.

We requested a decision from yourself and several prominent members of the Order, as well as the Grand Sire, in order to make our case as satisfactory as possible to such as might entertain doubts, and in each case we were not disappointed by receiving other than a favorable reply.

Bro. JOHN N. INGERSOLL, Past Grand Representative, will deliver this, and further explain. Yours fraternally,

E. H. WHITNEY, *Secretary*
Board of Commissioners.

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.
Baltimore, April 28, 1873.

E. H. WHITNEY, *Esq.*,
Secretary Board Commissioners.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have just arrived in Baltimore, and have had a conversation with our esteemed Grand Secretary in relation to the matter heretofore laid before me by you, and which he so kindly took charge of during my inability to attend to it. He informed me of the visit of Bro. INGERSOLL also, and gave me the details of their conversation. It is a source of great regret to me that I did not meet Bro. INGERSOLL in person.

I have before me the report of the Committee on the Odd-Fellows' Institute, as adopted by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, February 21st, 1873, and have considered it, with the accompanying resolutions, very carefully.

The proviso attached to the first resolution, that "this action should first be submitted to the M. W. Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States for his approval," must certainly have had *some* purpose to it. Looking at it from this stand-point it appears to me, and in this view I am sustained by our worthy and able Grand Secretary, that the Grand Lodge of Michigan in adopting the resolutions entertained a doubt of its legality, and in directing it to be submitted to the Grand Sire for his approval, designed that he should give expression as to the constitutionality of the measure. If the proviso had not this purpose, then what purpose did it have? But going beyond the *motive* which prompted it, nothing can be clearer than that it does, *in fact*, devolve upon the Grand Sire the duty of pronouncing upon the constitutionality of the measure. Is the Grand Sire to have the option of approval or disapproval? Yes. Then upon what basis is his action to rest? Manifestly upon his judgment, not as to the *propriety* of building an Odd-Fellows' Institute, for that is already settled by Past Grand Sire KENNEDY'S resolutions, but as to the propriety and the legality of the *means* to be used; and that must inevitably bring him face to face with the constitutional question, just what he is debarred from considering by Article IV of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

That there was doubt as to the legal aspects of the measure is shown, I think, by the leave given Rep. DEAN to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States. At all events, my dear brother, I can arrive at no other conclusion than that I have no right, under the law, to take action in the premises. In so deciding, I beg you to believe me prompted by no desire to retard the progress of the good work in which you are engaged, for I think no one has a more ardent desire for the establishment and multiplication of such noble charities, which so adorn our Order, than myself. But it is not safe to err, even with so laudable an object in view, nor set a precedent which experience has already pronounced against. You will perceive and remember that I pass no opinion whatever upon the abstract right of the Grand Lodge to levy the tax; but simply maintain that the resolution devolves upon the Grand Sire the duty of construing the constitutional prerogative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan to levy a tax for this purpose; and that under the law he has no authority to do it.

With the most fervent wishes for the success of your enterprise, and the extension of our glorious brotherhood into every civilized community of the earth, I have the honor to be, Fraternally yours,

C. A. LOGAN, *Grand Sire.*

The Chair now proceeded with the call of standing committees, when—

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to which was referred the resolution found on page 5768 Journal, relating to the mileage and per diem of members at this session, have considered the same, and conferred with Rep. MEDOLE, who offered the same, and find that he intended, by his resolution, to fix the compensation the same as last session, to wit, five cents per mile and six dollars per diem. In view, therefore, of this fact, we report for adoption the following resolution, substantially as designed by the proposer:

Resolved, That the Officers and Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall be allowed five cents per mile in coming to and returning from the

Grand Lodge, to be computed by the nearest travel route, and six dollars per day while in session.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. M. ESTEE,
ISRAEL HARRIS,
A. NOLTNER,
J. C. SMITH,
JOHN MEDOLE,
LEVI EMPIE,
L. C. TILLOTSON,
JAMES YORSTON.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the rule was suspended requiring reports to lie over for one day, and the report was considered.

The question being on its adoption—

Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, moved to amend by striking out the word "five" in the resolution and inserting the word "six."

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. DEWOLF, of Indiana, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not represented offer the following report: That all Subordinate Jurisdictions are represented at the present session of your R. W. Grand Body.

W. H. DEWOLF,
JOHN B. NEALLEY,
H. R. DYER,
WM. MADDEN.

The Lodge now proceeded to the call of jurisdictions, when—

Rep. POND, of Connecticut, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That there is no forfeiture of membership in Rebekah Degree Lodges, except by such rules and usages as apply to brothers in Subordinate Lodges; and that all legislation inconsistent with this ruling is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That Rebekah Degree Lodges have the privilege of admitting to membership female applicants over eighteen years of age, other than those who are wives of Odd-Fellows, whether married or single.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah be instructed to report a form of "opening and closing;" also, an "order of business," for the use of Rebekah Degree Lodges, and recommend that they be printed in future editions of the Rebekah Degree Charge Book.

Also, a petition from sundry citizens of Connecticut, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. DAMON, of Florida, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That when a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment severs his membership by written resignation, after the payment of all dues, and there being no charges or complaints against him, that the Secretary of such Subordinate Lodge, or Scribe of such Encampment, shall, upon application, issue a certificate of such fact under the seal of said body.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report that two papers purporting to be appeals from the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan—one that of CARL ENGEL, and the other of Bro. VAN BALEN—have been referred to this committee, both of which are attested by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of said State, and neither of which has the first formality or requisite which the rules demand, nor does either present any matter or question which can be understood by the committee; wherefore we recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That said papers be returned to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to request the Grand Master of said State to cause full and properly attested records of said cases, with all documents and papers pertaining thereto, beginning with the charges preferred in the said several cases, and including all papers, transcripts, reports and decisions made thereon, to the end that this Grand Lodge may comprehend and decide upon the matters of said appeals.

NATHAN PORTER,
ROBERT LEBBY,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
J. L. MILTON,
AARON B. CRANE,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALF. D. JONES.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of WM. H. BARNES, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, against the action of said Grand Lodge, would respectfully report:

That the appeal of said W. H. BARNES, Past Grand Master, is on the action of said Grand Lodge of the State of New York, holding that an amendment to the Constitution of their Grand Lodge was in force, though it had not been approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Section 54, of Digest of the Laws, Decisions, &c., of this R. W. Grand Lodge, settles this matter fully; and we recommend that the appeal be sustained, and the decison of the Grand Lodge of New York in this case be reversed.

T. G. BEHARRELL,
ROBERT LEBBY,
NATHAN PORTER,
J. L. MILTON,
AARON B. CRANE,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALF. D. JONES.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of JOHN H. WHITE, P. C. P., against the action of the Grand Encampment of New York, have considered the same, and find that the appeal is made from the answer to a question as follows, viz.:

"Has an Encampment the right to assess its members a specific sum for necessary expenses in fitting up a hall and procuring necessary fixtures?"

"Answered in the affirmative, unless prohibited by special local legislation."

Your committee are of opinion that the answer is incorrect. Encampments are authorized to adopt certain rates of regular dues necessary for providing funds with which to pay their legitimate expenses. They may not demand more from their members *unless authorized by special local legislation.* Your committee submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of JOHN H. WHITE, P. C. P., be sustained, and the decision of the Grand Encampment of New York be reversed.

JAMES WOODYATT,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
T. G. BELHARRELL,
J. L. MILTON,
ROBERT LEBBY,
AARON B. CRANE,
NATHAN PORTER,
ALF. D. JONES.

Rep. LEBBY, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of W. H STOY, from the action of Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, of Montana, respectfully report:

From a careful examination of the papers sent up in this case, it would appear that the charges preferred against W. H. STOY were signed by the witnesses and not by the parties making the charge.

The committee of the Lodge, to whom the charges were committed to try the brother, recommended his expulsion—not on the charges submitted, but on others not contained in the charges and specifications presented.

There is, furthermore, no certified record of Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, of its proceedings and expulsion of the member, and no satisfactory evidence of such action accompanying the papers.

In reviewing the papers furnished your committee in the case of W. H. STOY, and the action of his Lodge, there is no specific evidence to warrant his expulsion. On the contrary, it is apparent, if the laws of the Order had been observed a very different conclusion would have been attained.

It is admitted upon high authority on medical jurisprudence, in Europe and America, that "somnambulists," (which, as shown by the evidence, may be STOY's misfortune,) are not accountable for acts committed by them while in this state. The statements of the witnesses, and of STOY himself, make it probable that this was his condition when the acts charged against him were said to have been committed. Your committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of W. H. STOY be sustained, and that Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, is directed to reinstate him.

ROBERT LEBBY,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
J. L. MILTON,
NATHAN PORTER,
AARON B. CRANE,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
JAMES WOODYATT,
ALF. D. JONES.

Rep. MILTON, of Mississippi, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proper officer of this Grand Lodge be directed to procure a sufficient number of desks and chairs for the use of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. NOLTNER, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS the question having arisen by the adoption of the views of Grand Sire STUART, by the Grand Lodge, at its last session, as to the power of State Grand Lodges and Encampments to grant charters to subordinates in contiguous States or Territories placed under their jurisdiction; and whereas there are a number of Encampments in Oregon working under charters granted by the Grand Encampment of California, and also of Lodges in Idaho and Washington Territories working under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of Oregon; therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and is hereby instructed to report to this Grand Lodge such legislation, if any be required, to legalize the action of such Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges from whence Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah have sprung, shall send all those members and their wives, who are qualified, with proper certificates, to the Degree Lodge, to have the Degree of Rebekah conferred upon them, and not to have the power to confer the degree in the Subordinate Lodge, if there be a Rebekah Degree Lodge in the vicinity.

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following paper, which was laid on the table:

WHEREAS the centennial of the independence of the United States is to be celebrated with appropriate ceremonies, in the city of Philadelphia, in the year 1876; and whereas, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania have unanimously agreed to invite your honorable body to hold the annual session for that year in said city, and to hold a grand national celebration at said time and place:

We, the Representatives of said Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, do, in the names and on behalf of the bodies represented by us, cordially

invite you to hold the annual session for 1876 in the city of Philadelphia, for the purpose above indicated.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
C. N. HICKOK,
JNO. W. STOKES.

Rep. RICHARDSON presented the appeal of J. J. SMITH, Past Grand, of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. LANGWORTHY, of Wisconsin, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Bro. ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the announcement of the decease of members and past members of this Grand Body be assigned for Thursday next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That dismissal certificates shall be authenticated by the signature of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as in the case of withdrawal and visiting cards.

Also, the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to present to the library of Congress a full set of the bound proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body, and a copy of the Digest of the Laws of the Order.

Rep. TURNER, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which were laid on the table:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to use their endeavors to consolidate the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of Ohio into one Grand Body, to be known as the Grand Lodge of Ohio, I. O. O. F.

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be requested to introduce into the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the propriety of issuing all cards in book form, with stubs similar to a check-book, for the convenience of Scribes and Secretaries.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. GEORGE DEAN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in adopting the following resolution: "That this R. W. Grand Lodge direct that each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction be and is hereby assessed, for the ensuing three years, the sum of fifty cents semi-annually for each member of such Lodge, as reported in the semi-annual returns made in July and January in each year to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and that such sums so assessed be and are hereby made payable

by each Subordinate Lodge to the Treasurer of the Odd-Fellows' Institute at Michigan, at the same time that such semi-annual returns are made, provided that this action shall first be submitted to the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States for his approval," beg leave to report:

That this Grand Lodge has decided that "State Grand Lodges have the power to assess their subordinates to meet deficiencies and to pay its current expenses, and to raise revenue for its legitimate purposes." See Digest, sections 831, 832.

The object of the proposed assessment is not disclosed in the resolution. It is, therefore, impossible for your committee to say whether or not it falls within the power of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, as defined by this Grand Body, to make it; and hence they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
L. J. GLENN,
ORLANDO McCRANEY,
M. S. DOWDEN,
PETER BRUGMAN,
J. M. PRICE,
SAM. RYAN, Jr.
J. MARIS,
HENRY CLARK.

On motion of Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5795, being from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution offered by Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, page 5755, in reference to the arrearages which shall disqualify a member from receiving the semi-annual password, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5796, from the same committee, on the resolution offered by Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, page 5770, viz., that the decision of the Judiciary Committee as reported on page 5502 of revised Journal be reversed, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the committee to which was referred the Grand Secretary's report, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees, was considered and adopted.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred "a communication from Bro. O. ARNOUX, Past District Deputy Grand Sire of Saxony, in behalf of the brethren of that jurisdiction, praying the aid of the Grand Lodge in the construction of an Odd-Fellows' Hall in the city of Dresden;" also, "the application of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, for a loan to aid in building an Odd-Fellows' Hall in said city;" also, "certain accompanying documents from Helvetia Lodge," have examined the same and report as follows:

The application from the brothers in Dresden asks a *donation* of four thousand dollars, and also a loan for four thousand additional—making a total of eight thousand dollars—the loan to be for a term of years to be fixed by this Grand Lodge, interest three or four per cent. The application from Helvetia Lodge is of a loan for ten thousand dollars, making in the aggregate eighteen thousand dollars. The applications are accompanied by documents containing the very strongest appeals to our friendship, sympathy and substantial aid, and setting forth the peculiar hardships they are laboring under for want of funds to build themselves permanent homes.

Your committee feel deeply for these, our far off distressed brothers, and gladly would aid them, could we do so in justice to ourselves and the large number of Lodges at home, which are not only destitute of Lodge-rooms, but have not even the means to furnish and fit up one and pay the rent for the same. We point with pain and deep regret to the large number of Lodges in our Southern jurisdiction which to-day are unable to resuscitate and go to work for want of funds to carry them on, and the Grand Lodge of the United States is powerless to help them.

Hundreds of Lodges here in America are unable to build themselves Lodge-rooms, and this Grand Lodge itself has no local habitation. The revenue of this Grand Lodge comes from its subordinates, and they are watching it with jealous eyes; and while we would willingly do all in our power to aid our distressed brethren everywhere, yet the precedent once established of granting loans to Lodges, it would be impossible to tell just where to stop. Aside from this principle, the Grand Lodge of the United States have not the funds to carry on such a work.

Therefore, while extending to our good brothers who make these applications our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy, and our kindest fraternal regards, the committee feel obliged, under all the circumstances, to report adversely on the foregoing applications. We offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in view of the reasons set forth in this report, the applications for the above loans be not granted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
JOHN MEDOLE,
M. M. ESTEE,
ISRAEL HARRIS,
A. NOLTNER,
J. C. SMITH,
JAMES YORSTON,
LEVI EMPIE,
L. C. TILLOTSON.

On motion of Rep. McKINSTRY, of Alabama, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on History of Odd-Fellowship, pages 5762 and 5763, which being under consideration—

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, the report was recommitted to the committee with instructions.

The Grand Secretary presented the printed Journal of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, held at Stuttgart, 20th and 26th August, 1873, which was referred to a special committee.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Reps. LINDENBERG, of Ohio; SILBER, of Wisconsin; NUNGESSER, of Louisiana; FUHRMANN, of Minnesota.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred certain proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, calling the attention of this Grand Body to the importance of prescribing a style of parade dress for the entire body of Patriarchs, would respectfully report:

That in their judgment the matter is properly committed to the State jurisdictions, in some of which considerable expense has been incurred already in the purchase of the parade dress prescribed by such jurisdictions. They therefore regard the proposed legislation as inexpedient, and respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
SEATON GALES,
M. E. WILCOX,
E. J. HAMILTON,
MARTIN WHITE,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
W. RICHARDSON.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application of St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, of the jurisdiction of Minnesota, for a duplicate charter; also the application of Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, of the same jurisdiction, for a duplicate charter, would respectfully report, that in each of said cases the Grand Sire has already granted the duplicate charter asked for. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, in granting the duplicate charters above mentioned, be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
J. K. BUNDY,
WM. H. FOULK,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
D. G. PALMER,
R. M. JOHNSON.

On motion, the Lodge now resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to prepare and report at this annual communication a form of funeral service for the use of Grand and Subordinate Encampments, also a form of public installation for Subordinate Encampments, respectfully report:

That three of the committee are absent, and the undersigned, after a careful consideration of the subject, cannot believe the necessity exists that each branch of our Order should have a separate and distinct form of funeral service.

While appreciating the desire of the brotherhood to obtain a more suitable and impressive form of funeral service for the Order generally, we are of opinion that this object attained will supply all the wants of our institution.

The subject of public installation for Subordinate Encampments having been fully settled by this Grand Lodge in secret session, your committee do not feel authorized to suggest in this direction; we therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the committee appointed to prepare forms of funeral service for Grand and Subordinate Encampments, also a form of public installation for Subordinate Encampments, be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

M. S. DOWDEN,
ORLANDO McCRANEY.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee of Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals in the matter of the appeal of the Representatives of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, of Kentucky, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State, in the case of Bro. W. B. CASEY, deceased, respectfully report that the renunciation of the said CASEY was not the resignation of membership in the I. O. O. F. contemplated by the laws of the Order thereunto relating.

The manner by which a brother may sever his connection with the Order is prescribed in Section 1922, Digest Grand Lodge United States, viz., by written resignation addressed to his Lodge, and this would be conclusively applicable to the case in question, even did not Section 1203½ of same Digest, referred to by the appellants, apply directly thereto.

No renunciation of a brother, to a party not concerned in the contract between himself and the Order, could, by any rational construction, be considered the resignation contemplated, neither could the influence of third parties brought to bear in bringing about this renunciation, however unworthy or mistaken, absolve our Order from the execution of its plighted faith. Your committee therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the appeal of Bro. D. E. CONSTANCE, Past Grand, from the action of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, be sustained.

CHARLES N. HICKOK,
NATHAN PORTER,
J. L. MILTON,
ALF. D. JONES,
ROBERT LEBBY,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
JAMES WOODYATT,
AARON B. CRANE,
GEO. DAMON.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry Welsh brethren of the jurisdiction of the State of New York, asking to have the ritual and degree work translated in their native tongue, as introduced by G. R. MEDOLE and referred to them, beg leave respectfully to report, in the judgment of your committee, it is inexpedient to legislate as requested *at this time.* They recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
E. J. HAMILTON,
MARTIN WHITE,
GEO. EDWARDS,
SEATON GALES,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
M. E. WILCOX.

Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, to be found on page 5775 of the Journal of this session, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the subject, and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in good standing in the various Grand Jurisdictions subordinate to this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, be permitted, during the first week of each term, to visit the Lodges and Encampments in their own jurisdictions on the semi-annual password of the preceding term.

HENRY F. GAREY,
MARTIN WHITE,
SEATON GALES,
E. J. HAMILTON,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
GEO. EDWARDS,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
M. E. WILCOX,
W. RICHARDSON.

Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship, to which was recommitted their report, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship, to whom was recommitted the report made by them on the first day of this session, with instructions to strike out the word "undivided," in the sixth paragraph of the report, and to change the first resolution offered in the report, so that it shall "*request*" the Historiographer to act, instead of making it his "*duty*," beg leave to report, that we have reformed this report as directed by this Grand Lodge, and now present it to this Grand Lodge, as follows:

Your Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship beg leave to report that they find there is an abundance of material from which may be ob-

tained a very full history of the Order. And all that is now necessary to be done is for the Grand Lodge to direct the manner in which the work shall be performed.

The material exists in the books, works, papers, records, &c., which are in the Library of this Grand Lodge, and upon their being carefully examined will be found to contain a body of matter rarely to be found in reference to any institution under similar conditions. The list is set forth in full on pages 5621 to 5630 and 5759, 5760 of Grand Secretary's report, 1873.

Past Grand Sire KENNEDY had collected, and to some extent collated, very full notes and memoranda as to the Historical and Biographical portions of the subject. And Grand Secretary RIDGELY has at his command and within his knowledge an amount of information which, with information to be obtained from the subordinates, and the assistance of our living brothers, will enable the Grand Lodge to procure a complete and excellent history of Odd-Fellowship.

Past Grand Sire KENNEDY has departed this life since our last meeting, and your committee deem it of importance that the notes, memoranda and papers left by him be procured for this Grand Lodge. His widow has placed them in a condition by which they are preserved for that purpose.

Your committee are of the opinion that a work should be prepared, containing a complete history of Odd-Fellowship, treating of its popular, moral, practical, general, local, legislative, judicial, executive, and biographical details.

That the object contemplated is one requiring the personal attention of some person or persons who shall be at once competent for the task, and so situated as to be able faithfully to perform it. In their opinion a committee, no matter how constituted, can only point out, supervise and direct the way, and that the work can be best done by a single individual.

Such a person, acting under your authority, and subject to your annual superintendence and control, would very soon accomplish all that may be desired. They therefore propose the following resolutions for your adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELY, be and he is hereby requested to act as Historiographer of this Grand Lodge, who shall supervise and direct the preparation of a history of Odd-Fellowship for publication, under the direction of this Grand Lodge.

2. *Resolved*, That it shall be and is hereby declared to be the duty of each and every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, and every member thereof under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to furnish to the said Historiographer, all information, books, papers, charts, plats, records, &c., as may be procured for the purpose of aiding in the making up and preparing a history of Odd-Fellowship, and that it shall be the duty of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment to require of and from each and every of their subordinates and members, the performance of these duties.

3. *Resolved*, That the sum of ..... dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the expenses attendant upon the performance of the duties imposed upon said officer, including such compensation as may be paid from time to time for his services, and for which he may be called upon to pay for the services of other persons who may be employed to aid him in the performance of his duties.

4. *Resolved*, That the said Historiographer shall be required to make an annual report of his acts and doings as such at every annual session of this body. And this committee shall consider said report, and recommend such action on those matters to this Grand Body as they may deem proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S. TICKNOR,
THOS. C. PORTER,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
HENRY LINDENBERG.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. BEHARRELL, page 5769 Journal, viz., "That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to examine the inquiry submitted by Rep. THOMAS SPOONER, of Ohio, page 1198 of the Journal of Proceedings of 1848, with the action thereon, page 1245, compare the same as arranged in the edition of 1853 of the Digest of the Laws and Legislation of this R. W. Grand Body as paragraph three under caption *Officers of Subordinate Lodges*, and to report whether said inquiry and action does not relate solely to officers of *State Grand Bodies*, and not to those of Subordinate Lodges," beg leave to report:

That they have carefully considered the subject matter of the resolution, compared the action of the Grand Lodge therein referred to, with the paragraph of the Digest of 1853, and find that the inquiry of Rep. SPOONER relates *solely* to officers of *State Grand Bodies*, and of course the report of the committee and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon have reference only to the same bodies. The *principle*, however, enunciated by the committee, "that an officer who voluntarily withdraws from the duties of a station forfeits the honors thereof," applies with equal force to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and has been recognized as so applying by this Grand Lodge. See Digest, section 1726. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. WHITE,
WM. R. McLEAN,
ISAAC SIDES,
W. T. CURRY,
L. K. BARBER,
GEO. H. OLNEY,
E. GOVER COX,
W. C. WILSON,
J. H. JAY.

The hour fixed for recess, viz., 12.30 o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge receded from business until 2 o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when—

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the questions and correspondence upon pages 5780 and 5781 of the Journal, respectfully report:

That in all cases where a minority has the right of appeal under the general law of the Order or under the law of the subordinate jurisdiction, on an appeal from the decision of the Noble Grand to the Lodge, and a vote of the Lodge being had, the Noble Grand is sustained, and the subject matter is then finally decided by the Lodge, and notice of appeal to the D. D. Grand Master is given by the minority of the Lodge at the time, and afterwards and within the time limited by law, the appellants present to the Lodge in writing their appeal, with all the facts, exceptions, assignment

of errors, and reference to the laws and decisions of the Grand Bodies of the Order to sustain such appeal, and said written appeal recites fully all the facts, and the same is read by the Secretary (or by consent of the appellant) in open Lodge, and admitted by the Lodge to contain all the facts, the Lodge is bound either to enter the appeal thus presented *in full* on the minutes or to make a minute of the fact of the taking of the appeal, and direct the filing of the paper containing the admitted facts, exceptions, &c. And it is the duty of the Lodge in transmitting the appeal to the proper superior tribunal to accompany it with a certified transcript of all the proceedings and papers in the case.

The correspondence seeks to elicit, outside of the interrogatory submitted, an answer as to the general rights of minorities. Your committee forego any expression of opinion upon so general a question, and cannot, even upon the inquiry propounded, reply as to the right of the minority to appeal, because the subject matter upon which the appeal was taken is not given.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
L. J. GLENN,
M. S. DOWDEN,
J. M. PRICE,
PETER BRUGMAN,
J. MARIS,
ORLANDO McCRANEY,
SAM. RYAN, JR.,
HENRY CLARK.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, on page 5767 of the Journal, submit the following report:

The spirit of the legislation of this Grand Lodge is most clearly shown in sections 1105, 1106, 1107, 1109, 1110, and 1113 of the revised Digest.

The necessity of membership in a Subordinate Lodge is steadily maintained, from the year 1845 to the year 1862, inclusive, but in the year 1868 a slight modification was conceded for the benefit of only such members of an Encampment as might take withdrawal cards from their respective Subordinate Lodges, enabling them thereby to retain membership in an Encampment for the space of twelve (12) months from the date of said cards. But this was only allowed to give opportunity for a brother to unite with another subordinate in the time so limited. Though this relief be not so full and complete as might be desired by some, it would seem decidedly inexpedient thus summarily to set at naught the rule which the wisdom and experience of the Order have been perfecting almost from the organization of the Encampment branch of the Order. We therefore offer for your adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from all further consideration of the subject.

M. E. WILCOX,
SEATON GALES,
MARTIN WHITE,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
E. J. HAMILTON,
W. RICHARDSON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
GEO. EDWARDS.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, from the special committee on funeral ceremony, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, on page 5768 of the Journal, ask leave respectfully to report:

That they have maturely considered all the papers referred to them relative to a funeral ceremony, and contrasted them with each other, and with the existing form: and while each contains points of merit which are wanting in the others, still, since by reason of the familiarity of the Order with the old form, the trouble and expense of getting a new form into the hands of the entire brotherhood, and the great uncertainty of being able to submit a new form that would prove more acceptable than the existing one, we have agreed to submit for your approval the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

M. E. WILCOX,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
AMOS JONES.

Having *myself* submitted one of the forms under the consideration of the committee, I think it proper to say, that while I do not *fully* concur in the report, in deference to the better judgment and experience of the other members of the committee, I consented to submit it in the present form.

M. E. WILCOX.

On motion, the Lodge now resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. NEEDLES, of Illinois, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution, by-laws and rules of order of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, would most respectfully report:

That Article III of the Constitution, providing for the election of a Degree Master and Physician by the Lodge, is inconsistent with the laws of this Grand Body.

That Clause 3, Section 3, Article IV, permitting parties aggrieved to apply to this Grand Lodge, or the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, and instructing this Grand Lodge in its duty, is inconsistent with the law. All appeals should be taken to this Grand Lodge only.

That Article II of the Constitution, requiring that candidates for membership shall not be over fifty years of age, and Clause 9 of said article, providing that no person who has been rejected twice for membership shall again be proposed for membership, are restrictions not warranted by our laws.

That Clause 4, Article III, Section 2, requiring all appointed officers to have attained to the Rebekah Degree, is contrary to law.

That Clause 3, Article VI, providing for reinstatement of members indefinitely suspended, is illegal, our laws not recognizing indefinite suspensions.

That Clause 1, Section 12, Article XIII, authorizing a Grand Lodge or a Grand Master to grant dispensations, is not in accordance with law, this R. W. Grand Body, or the Grand Sire, alone having such authority.

That By-Law No. 4, requiring applications for degrees to be made only when the Lodge is open in the degrees, is not in accordance with existing laws, which require that all applications for degees shall be made whilst the Lodge is open in the Initiatory Degree.

That By Law No. 14, authorizing the Vice Grand to declare the result of the ballot for membership, is incorrect the Noble Grand alone having the authority to declare the result of a ballot for membership.

That By-Law No. 69, permitting suspensions for an indefinite time, is contrary to our laws, which provide that all suspensions must be made for a definite time.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That wherever the word "Grand Lodge of Quebec," or "Province," appears in said Constitution and By-Laws, they be stricken out.

That all provisions providing for the election of a Physcian or Degree Master, or referring to their duties, be annulled.

That whenever the words "Clearance Card" occurs, the words "Withdrawal Card" be inserted instead.

That Clause 4, Section 1, Article IV, of said Constitution, be amended so as to read "or are introduced by an elective officer" of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That all of said Constitution and By-Laws, except the clauses, sections and by-laws objected to in this report as being illegal, or herein ordered otherwise, be approved by this R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted.

T. B. NEEDLES,
HUGH LATHAM,
J. W. SARGENT,
JAMES TURNER,
WM. J. MILLER,
J. D. TRAPP,
T. G. SCHWATKA.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United Statvs:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the question (on page 5763 of the Journal) submitted by Rep. HARMON, of California, under instruction from the Grand Lodge of that State, respectfully report:

That by a section of the Constitution of a Subordinate Lodge in that jurisdiction "no member shall be put upon trial unless charges duly specifying the offence," &c., "shall be submitted to the Lodge," &c. The by-laws of the same Lodge provide for the paymcnt of benefits to its members in case of illness, if such illness or disability does not result from his immoral conduct. And the question is presented, "Is it lawful for said Lodge, under any circumstances, to refuse to pay said brother's benefits during said disability, because of immoral conduct, without charges, trial and conviction under said section of the Constitution?"

An interesting argument was presented to the committee in support of the proposition that charges, trial and conviction must precede such a refusal.

Your committee have thoughtfully considered the question, the arguments and the decisions of this Grand Lodge, which were cited as bearing on the case, and are of opinion that the question must be answered in the affirmative.

The section of the Constitution of the Lodge relating to trial relates to one class of cases, the by-law to another.

The one is as to an application for sick benefits, the other is a proceeding against the individual for an alleged offence. Neither takes away the right to be heard, and after hearing the right of appeal. To entitle a sick or disabled member to his benefits, besides being in good standing it is also a prerequisite that the sickness or disability was not caused by immorality. To ascertain this fact and report it, is as much the duty of the visiting officer as it is that the applicant is unable to be employed in his ordinary avocation. Should that officer or the committee on relief find the would-be beneficiary suffering from a chronic complaint, but yet able to go to his place of business, superintend it, and participate in it to a degree, it is *prima facie* evidence that he is not entitled to benefits. See Digest, 171. Or if he is able to manage, carry on and direct another lucrative business, not being able to follow his usual occupation on account of a partial loss of sight, he is not entitled to benefits. See Digest, 172. In these cases, as where the sickness is caused by immorality, the question is are benefits payable? and the result is reached by the usual method of investigation, and not by charges and trial. And the Lodge being satisfied that the applicant is not entitled, is justified in withholding payment. Before refusal, in all cases the applicant should have an opportunity of being heard. If the cause of the sickness is such as is proper to subject the offender to the penal provisions of the law, charges should be preferred under the Constitution.

The attention of the committee was called to several decisions of this Grand Lodge, supposed to bear upon the subject under consideration. The adjudications cited were upon the merits of the particular cases, and are inapplicable here. The appeal on pages 5541, 5542 of revised Journal of 1872, related to the payment of funeral benefits to the widow, and the principle was recognized that if, by a course of immorality notorious to the Lodge, sickness is produced which finally results in death, it is then too late for the Lodge, after it had full time and opportunity during the life of the member to prefer charges, and having failed so to do, to take advantage of its own wrong or laches to the prejudice of the widow.

The committee was also referred to another decision, (Digest 1827,) which relates to the weight to be given *ex parte* statements, and is an exposition of the law as to a trial on charges, which, in the judgment of your committee, is irrelevant to the case in hand. The decision (Digest 1823) that "the only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a travelling or visiting card, and, when the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to *suspend the payment thereof until a final decision*," is explicit authority for the views expressed by your committee. For if the suspension of benefits is a punishment consequent upon a conviction, the punishment by that decision is inflicted after charges preferred, and before conviction, upon one who is presumed, under the law, to be innocent until found guilty.

Your committee therefore answer the question submitted to them, that it is lawful for the Lodge under some circumstances to refuse to pay a brother's benefits during a disability, because of immoral conduct, without charges, trial and conviction, under the penal provisions of the constitution.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
L. J. GLENN,
M. S. DOWDEN,
J. M. PRICE,
PETER BRUGMAN,
J. MARIS,
ORLANDO McCRANEY,
SAMUEL RYAN, JR.,
HENRY CLARK.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the application from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the German Empire for printing and issuing visiting and withdrawal cards in the German language, to be issued exclusively in their jurisdiction, have considered the same and would respectfully report:

That the work (excepting the cards) has been translated into and now used in the German language. Your committee cannot see any impropriety in their using cards in the same language.

Your committee would call the attention of the Grand Body to the fact that the symbolic characters of our Order, I. O. O. F., are used in the German Empire U. O. S. B., and are prominent on the headings of their official communications.

This committee is informed that there is in existence a society in this country whose initials would indicate the same as now used in the German Empire on their official paper, U. O. S. B.; and believing the emblematic initial of our Order, I. O. O. F., should be used on the official paper of this Order, that there can be no identity with other societies, would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application to print and issue visiting and withdrawal cards in the German language, to be issued exclusively by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, be granted, said cards to be printed in accordance with the form submitted with the petition, except that the initials I. O. O. F. be substituted in place of U. O. S. B., being emblematical characters of the Order.

E. J. HAMILTON,
W. RICHARDSON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
SEATON GALES,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
M. E. WILCOX,
GEORGE EDWARDS,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the constitutions of the Grand Lodges of West Virginia, Rhode Island, Ohio, Minnesota, Florida, New York, Kentucky, Mississippi and Ontario, the Grand Encampments of New Jersey, Delaware, Rhode Island, and District of Columbia, also Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, of Pensacola, Florida, take pleasure in recommending their approval. In regard to the amendments in the Grand Encampment Constitution of Wisconsin, your committee approve of the amendment to section 3, and disapprove of the amendment of the seventh section; there is no such officer as Junior P. G. P. known to our laws.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
J. W. SARGENT,
JAMES TURNER,
WM. J. MILLER,
T. B. NEEDLES,
J. D. TRAPP,
F. G. SCHWATKA.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution presented by G. R. MEDOLE, of New York, in words as follows—"That Subordinate Lodges, when they appear in public, may wear such uniform or regalia, suitable for public parade, as may be approved by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction"—having fully considered the same, respectfully report:

That in the judgment of your committee this request, coming alone from a single jurisdiction, is of too general a character to justify the legislation asked *at present*. We therefore report the annexed resolution, and respectfully suggest its adoption:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
M. E. WILCOX,
SEATON GALES,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
W. RICHARDSON,
GEO. EDWARDS.

Rep. MANSUR, of Missouri, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that by inspection of the printed Journal we find that no action has been taken upon the report made by Rep. MORSE, of California, from the special committee on the "Degree of Rebekah," found on page 5551 of said Journal. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following

Resolved, That said report, on page 5551, be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

C. H. MANSUR,
D. A. CLINE,
G. NUNGESSER,
PETER BEAL,
GEO. EDWARDS.

Rep. MANSUR, of Missouri, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business would respectfully report, that by an inspection of the Journal of last session, at pages 5280, 5475, 5520, and 5531, the following state of facts will be found to exist, viz.:

The decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, and interrogatories 2, 3, 5, and 6, were referred to the Judiciary Committee. They made a report favorable to all, except 13, 14. Their report was recommitted to them for consideration again, with instructions to report on decision 13.

That committee, (see page 5331,) when they made their second report, by inadvertance reported *alone* in regard to decision 13, which was accordingly adopted. It follows, therefore, that there has been neither report upon nor adoption of said decisions and answers to said interrogatories given by M. W. Grand Sire STUART during his last term of office. Your committee, therefore, offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That decisions numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, as well as answers to interrogatories numbered 2, 3, 5, and 6, made by M. W. Grand Sire STUART, and found on pages 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, of the Journal, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary for their consideration.

C. H. MANSUR,
D. A. CLINE,
G. NUNGESSER,
PETER BEAL,
GEO. EDWARDS.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee respectfully report that they have examined the report of the Grand Treasurer, and also the books, vouchers and accounts of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, for the fiscal year just ended, and find the same correct.

We find also that there now remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, of what is termed the "Southern Relief Fund," the amount of four hundred and two ($402) dollars—that this balance has been in his hands for a number of years, unappropriated. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the said amount be transferred to the general fund and the account with that fund closed. Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. M. ESTEE,
JOHN MEDOLE.
A. NOLTNER,
J. C. SMITH,
LEVI EMPIE,
L. C. TILLOTSON,
JAMES YORSTON,
ISRAEL HARRIS.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution introduced by Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, page 5783 Journal, instructing said committee to consider the propriety of amending Section 100 of White's

Digest, page 26, so as to provide that the decisions of a State Grand Lodge, on appeal from a Subordinate Lodge, shall be inoperative pending appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, would respectfully report:

That the existing legislation, whereby, in the case referred to, the decisions of a State Grand Lodge are absolute and binding until reversed or affirmed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, has stood the test of long experience, and has been found to work without detriment to the interests of the Order.

They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted.

HENRY F. GAREY,
SEATON GALES,
W. RICHARDSON,
M. E. WILCOX,
GEORGE EDWARDS,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
MARTIN WHITE.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, and the accompanying action of his Grand Encampment, on the subject of granting to Past High Priests of jurisdictions that admit such officers to membership in its Grand Encampments, to visit such Grand Encampments as require their members to have the Past Chief Patriarch's Degree; and also requesting that a Past High Priest, in case of the removal of his membership to such other jurisdiction, shall be entitled to the same privileges as Past Chief Patriarchs in such new jurisdiction, beg leave to report:

That the qualifications for membership in a Grand Encampment, so far as Past High Priests are concerned, are subjects of local legislation and differ in many of the States. In some they are excluded, and in others they are admitted without being required to pass the highest chair in the Subordinate Encampments. This seems to us to be proper, and has long been considered within the authority of State Grand Bodies. Any radical change at this time, on this point, would cause much dissatisfaction, and at the same time create in some jurisdictions the anomoly of a Grand Encampment, composed entirely of Past Chief Patriarchs, being forced to admit a Past High Priest as a member from another jurisdiction, when at the same time its own Past High Priests would, under the local law, be excluded. We are clearly of the opinion that a brother who goes into another jurisdiction, to remain, and becomes a member in the same, should be willing to conform to the law as he finds it, and ought not to be allowed to overturn it by bringing with him the law of his last domicile.

But on the subject of visitation we are also of the opinion that a member in good standing of a Grand Encampment should be allowed to visit any other Grand Encampment without regard to any local law on the subject. They report the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not interfere with the right of State Grand Encampments to determine the question as to whether Past High Priests shall or shall not be members of its body.

Resolved, That a member of any Grand Encampment under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall, if in good standing, on due proof of such

membership under existing laws, be entitled to visit any other of the Grand Encampments of the Order, anything to the contrary in any local law notwithstanding.

HENRY F. GAREY,
M. E. WILCOX,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
E. J. HAMILTON,
W. RICHARDSON,
GEO. EDWARDS,
SEATON GALES,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ESTEE, of California, asking for a repeal of the resolution passed by this body at the session of 1870, known as "the Sunday law," and to be found on page 4834 of the Journal, have fully considerered the subject matter submitted to them.

The legislation referred to provided that "no Lodge or Encampment or Degree Lodge shall hold any meeting for work or business upon Sunday, except for funeral purposes." Whatever may be the views of this committee as to the policy of this enactment, assuming as it does to control the meetings of the Subordinates of the various Grand Bodies which have them in charge, and however much they may deplore the introduction here of matters that might better be left to local regulation, yet they are not willing to disturb the conclusions already reached and several times iterated by this body, to the effect that this enactment should remain, and are of the opinion that so exciting a cause of discussion and dissension should be permitted to repose where such repeated action has left it. They report the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That no further legislation on the subject of the resolution of 1870, on page 4834 of the Journal, is necessary or proper at this time.

HENRY F. GAREY,
M. E. WILCOX,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
SEATON GALES,
GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, members of the Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. ESTEE, of California, "That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at the session of 1870, and found on page 4834 of the Journal, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the subject-matter thereof be left to the several State Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge," have fully considered the same, and believing that local jurisdictions should have entire control of the meetings of their subordinates, and as this subject has been continually brought before this body for repeal since its introduction into this body, and believing it will

be a continual source of agitation until its repeal is effected, and as the law is objected to only on the ground of its being sectarian in its character, and never should have been introduced into this Grand Body—its introduction into this body was by resolution, and hastily passed without debate—and we believe a large majority of our Order desire its repeal, we would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution passed by this Grand Body, to be found on page 4834 Journal of 1872, on the subject of Lodge work on Sunday, be and the same is hereby repealed.

E. J. HAMILTON,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
MARTIN WHITE.
W. RICHARDSON.

Rep. HAMILTON, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, that Grand Encampments are hereby authorized to allow their subordinates to elect Financial Scribes, whose duties shall be similar to those laid down for Permanent Secretaries in Subordinate Lodges, have considered the same, and believe the office of Financial Scribe is sometimes a necessity in a Subordinate Encampment. Therefore we would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Grand Encampments, in their several jurisdictions, are hereby authorized to allow Subordinate Encampments to elect Financial Scribes.

E. J. HAMILTON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
GEORGE EDWARDS,
SEATON GALES.

The hour fixed by special order for adjournment, viz., 4 o'clock, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 18, 1873—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

M. J. DURHAM.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding.
JNO. W. STOKES.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
ALBERT COHEN.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

WILLIAM ELLISON.....Massachusetts.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
FRED. D. STUART.....District of Columbia.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair presented the following communication:

I. O. O. F.
OFFICE OF G. M., R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND,
Baltimore, September 18, 1873.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have been requested by Bro. JOHN T. FORD to extend a respectful invitation to the Grand Lodge of the United States, as a body, to visit Ford's Opera House at such time as may be deemed convenient. The time fixed upon will please be indicated to me, so that I may report to Bro. FORD and make suitable arrangements. Yours, fraternally,

JOSEPH THOMPSON, JR., *Grand Master.*

On motion of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, the invitation was accepted for to-morrow evening, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

The Chair also presented the following communication:

BALTIMORE, September 18, 1873.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

A society in this city, formed for the purpose of giving free excursions to the worthy poor, respectfully advise your honorable body that an excursion will be given to-day, and they earnestly invite a portion or the whole of your number to visit the grounds, starting from Henderson's wharf at 12 o'clock, or later, on the steamer Maryland.

This charity has proven most beneficial in its results, and it is most cordially urged on your body at least to appoint a representative committee to observe its practical workings; and it is suggested that the honorable Mayor of Baltimore shall accompany said committee.

Most respectfully, on behalf of the society,

J. T. FORD, *of the Executive Committee.*

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge now proceeded to the call of standing committees for reports.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the matter of the appeal of E. J. PECK from the action of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, the following are the facts of the case as they appear by the records:

On the 8th day of December, 1869, JOHN GOWANS charged E. J. PECK, before Mount Sinai Encampment, with conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow, with the specification that he (PECK) did, on the 12th day of November, 1869, at a session of the Encampment, publicly designate him (GOWANS) a scoundrel.

On the trial before the committee it was objected, that the specification was not definite; that to be so it should state the objectionable words used, and the sentence of which they formed a part should be given and correctly quoted.

On this objection the committee refused to give a decision, and ordered the trial to proceed without further pleadings.

In the course of the trial the accused attempted to show the entire sentence, and the connection in which the objectionable words were used, and at the same time to justify the language used, by offering proof that GOWANS was what he (PECK) had stated him, in his opinion, to be; neither of which was he permitted to do.

Upon the presentation of the report of the committee, it was objected that the report was not in proper form, inasmuch as the committee did not submit a motion for the suspension or expulsion of the accused as required by the Constitution. The objection was overruled, and the Encampment expelled E. J. PECK.

On an appeal to the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, the action of Mount Sinai Encampment was sustained.

Your committee are of the opinion that the proceedings in this case have been incorrect; that the specifications should have been definite; that the proof of the entire sentence used, and of the character of GOWANS, should have been permitted, and that the committee should have submitted a resolution in accordance with the Constitution. We submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of E. J. PECK be sustained, and the action of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey be reversed.

JAMES WOODYATT,
ROBERT LEBBY,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
NATHAN PORTER,
THOS. G BEHARRELL,
ALF. D. JONES,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, submitted a communication from a brother in Dakota, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. HAMLIN, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and hereby is instructed to consider the expediency of the Grand Lodge defining more explicitly the regalia of the Order, that uniformity may be had.

Rep. RATLIFF, of Colorado, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the subordinate branch of our Order in Wyoming Territory is working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado; and whereas there are two Subordinate Encampments in said Territory working under charters granted by this R. W. Grand Body; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Colorado have and it is hereby granted the privilege of conferring the G. E. Degree on the members of said Encampments in Wyoming Territory who may present the proper certificate of official service in their respective Encampments; provided, however, that they shall not thereby be entitled to the rights of membership in the said Grand Encampment of Colorado.

Rep. BIXBY, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, on the 29th day of January last, the charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of Minnesota was destroyed by fire; therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue a duplicate charter to the same, in conformity to the law, as found in sub-section of Digest, 337.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of Bro. S. G. PRESTON, of Sides Lodge, No. 155, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, respectfully report that, from examination, they find the following to be the facts in the case:

S. G. PRESTON, Past Grand, was charged, tried and found guilty of an offence against the laws of the Order, and his expulsion was recommended

by the committee. At the proper time, according to the records of Sides Lodge, No. 155, two votes were taken, both of which votes sustained the recommendation of the committee. Both of these votes were illegal, not having been taken with ball ballots as the local law required. Afterward the vote was taken with ball ballots, and when the result was about to be declared it was found that a portion of the brothers present had not voted.

The attention of the Noble Grand was called to the fact before the vote was declared, and he directed the said brothers to vote, which they did, and when the result was declared it was found that twenty were in favor of expulsion and six against; whereupon the Noble Grand declared S. G. PRESTON, Past Grand, expelled.

It was claimed by the appellant that the Noble Grand was wrong in requiring the brothers who had at first neglected to vote to do so, and this is an appeal from his decision in that regard, on the ground that the vote was complete before this, and that his requiring the others to vote amounted to a second ballot. On appeal to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the decision of the Noble Grand was sustained, and appeal taken from that Grand Body to this Grand Lodge. Your committee are of the opinion that the Noble Grand was correct in his ruling, our laws requiring that every member present shall vote unless excused. [See Digest G. L. U. S., Sec. 1919 *a*.] Your committe recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the Grand Lodge of Michigan be sustained.

CHARLES N. HICKOK,
NATHAN PORTER,
GEO. DAMON,
J. L. MILTON,
T. G. BEHARRELL,
ALF. D. JONES,
ROBERT LEBBY,
JAMES WOODYATT,
AARON B. CRANE.

Rep. TURNER, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., of Montreal, Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, would respectfully report, that

Section 1, Clause 2, should be amended by striking out the words, "and not over fifty years of age."

That the last paragraph in Clause 8, Article II, to wit: or Province of Quebec, should be stricken out.

Also, in Clause 9, Article II, that the last paragraph is not in accordance with the laws and usages of the Order; therefore we cannot approve the same.

That in Article III, Clauses 1, 2 and 5, that the election of Degree Master and Physicians as officers of the Lodge, cannot be entertained, as this Grand Body has made no provision for the election of such officers.

In Section 2, Article III, Clause 3, requiring all its officers to be in possession of the Scarlet Degree and the Degree of Rebekah, is contrary to the laws of this Grand Lodge.

That in Article IV, Section 1, Clause 4, after the words "by an," should be inserted "elective," so as to make the Clause read—or are introduced by an elective officer of the Grand Lodge.

That Article VI, Section 1, Clause 3, suspending members for an indefinite period, is contrary to law, therefore must be stricken out.

Also, that Clauses 1 and 2, Section 2, Article VIII, relative to the Grand Master granting dispensations to any Lodge, should not be approved, from the fact that there is no Grand Master in the Province. Said Lodge is now working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Also in Section 15 of the By-Laws, the words "of the V. G. to assist in examinations of the ballots at the elections for membership and declare the result to the Lodge," should be stricken out, as it is the duty of the N. G. to superintend the ballot and announce the result.

That we recommend that wherever the words clearance cards appear should be stricken out, and the words withdrawal cards be inserted instead. We would therefore respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That all of said Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, except the clauses and sections as being illegal, or herein ordered otherwise, is hereby approved by this R. W. Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES TURNER,
HUGH LATHAM,
T. B. NEEDLES,
J. W. SARGENT,
J. D. TRAPP,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
W. J. MILLER.

Rep. CRANE, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of SAMUEL F. FARIS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, report that they have considered the case, and find that, according to Section 4, Article V, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, SAMUEL F. FARIS, Past Grand, was refused the right to vote for Grand Representative at an election of officers of said Grand Lodge.

The article reads as follows: The Past Grands and Representatives of each Lodge shall have one vote collectively for officers of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee think it is clear that the article is in direct conflict with the laws of this Grand Lodge. See Digest, Sections 1557, 1559, 1565, 1569. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, in said matter, be reversed, and the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted.

AARON B. CRANE,
NATHAN PORTER,
ROBERT LEBBY,
T. G. BEHARRELL,
J. L. MILTON,
JAMES WOODYATT,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
GEO. DAMON,
ALF. D. JONES.

Rep. TRAPP, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report on the amended Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of Nevada, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction of Nevada, would report and recommend that the Constitution submitted be approved, with the following corrections, viz.: In Article III, Section 2, last line, strike out "a majority" and insert "two-thirds vote," so that it conform to law. See Digest, (White,) section 131. Also strike out the last three lines of Article V, Section 2. Respectfully submitted.

J. D. TRAPP,
HUGH LATHAM,
T. B. NEEDLES,
JAMES TURNER,
J. W. SARGENT,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
WM. J. MILLER.

Rep. MILTON, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the matter of the appeal of W. RICHARDSON, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Texas, this committee report, that while a member was in arrears for dues, and not entitled to benefits, he was shot and in a few hours died. After the accident, and before he died, the amount of his dues was presented to the secretary of his Lodge, and accepted by that officer. This was not during a Lodge meeting, but the secretary afterward gave credit for the amount, and the Lodge, assuming that this payment placed the deceased in good standing, granted his family funeral benefits.

From this action of the Lodge an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Texas, and that Grand Body sustained the action of the Subordinate Lodge. This was wrong, (see White's Digest, Sections 169, 170,) and this committee recommend that the appeal be sustained and the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas be reversed.

NATHAN PORTER,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
AARON B. CRANE,
ALF. D. JONES,
JAMES WOODYATT,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. TRAPP, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, having under consideration the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, being amend-

ments to article 1, section 1, article 2, section 1, clause 1, article 3, section 4, clause 2, article 3, section 4, clause 3, would recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted

J. D. TRAPP,
HUGH LATHAM,
T. B. NEEDLES,
JAMES TURNER,
J. W. SARGENT,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
W. J. MILLER.

Rep. MILLER, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, have the honor to report that they find several provisions in the amendments to said Constitution which they cannot approve without modification.

1st. On page 33 of printed proceedings of said Grand Lodge for February, 1873, in the third line of last paragraph but one, they recommend to strike out the word "quarter" and insert the word "*term*," to correct an evident inadvertence.

2d. In the last paragraph of said page 33 they recommend to strike out the words "officer or member of the Order" and insert in lieu thereof "*Noble Grand.*"

3d. On page 52 of the printed proceedings aforesaid they recommend to strike out the last paragraph but one on said page, which reads as follows:

Resolved by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, That article 3, section 1, be so amended that each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to as many votes in the election of Grand Officers as there are Past Grands belonging to said Subordinate Lodge; and in the absence of any of the Past Grands the Representative shall have the right to cast all the votes his Lodge is entitled to.

With these changes, your committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, as printed in the Journal of Proceedings for February, 1873, be and the same is hereby approved, subject to the aforenamed modifications.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. J. MILLER,
J. D. TRAPP,
JAMES TURNER,
T. B. NEEDLES,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
J. W. SARGENT.

Rep. SCHWATKA, of Oregon, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitutions and By-Laws of Western Star Lodge, No. 4, of Montana, and Echo Lodge, No. 2, of Dakota Territories, have examined the same, and recommend their adoption with the following amendments, to wit:

Western Star Lodge, No. 4—On page 4, section 7, strike out the word "indefinitely," and on page 13, section 7, strike out all after the word "Territory."

Echo Lodge, No. 2—In article 2, section 6, strike out the word "clearance" and insert "withdrawal;" in article 3, section 17, strike out the word "final" and insert "withdrawal;" in article 4, section 11, strike out the word "indefinite" in the third line, and in article 9, section 1, strike out the word "final" in the first line, and insert "withdrawal;" fifth section, same article, strike out the word "final" in the first line and insert the word "withdrawal."

Respectfully submitted.

F. G. SCHWATKA,
HUGH LATHAM,
W. J. MILLER,
J. D. TRAPP,
T. B. NEEDLES,
J. W. SARGENT,
JAMES TURNER.

Rep. MILTON, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the matter of the appeal of E. C. CROFTON, P. G., of Washington Lodge, No. 2, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of the State of Ohio, report, that the appellant was charged with renting and allowing premises owned by him in the city of Cincinnati to be used as a house of ill fame. He was duly tried by his Lodge on said charge, and expelled, whereupon an appeal was taken from the action of Washington Lodge to the said Grand Lodge of Ohio, and after a full hearing the same was sustained. He now appeals from the decision of the said Grand Lodge to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and assigns as errors the following, to wit:

1. That after charges were preferred, and on the night appointed by the Lodge for trial, it refused to hear defendant's attorneys, members of sister Lodges, on the question of postponing the trial.

2. On the night of trial, the Noble Grand being present, and under no disability whatever, a Past Grand officiated as Noble Grand, and decided all questions arising during the trial.

3. That *ex parte* testimony was offered and relied on as competent testimony to sustain the charges.

4. That when the first ballot on expulsion was closed, and after the ballot-box had been removed to the Noble Grand's table, a second ballot was taken, which resulted in the expulsion of the defendant.

As to the first alleged error, your committee would say that the matter of postponing the trial was entirely in the discretion of the Lodge, and its refusal to hear the attorneys on that subject is no ground for appeal.

To the second error assigned, your committee say that while the Noble Grand of a Lodge is the presiding officer, and when he is present, except in certain cases—of which the occasion in question was not one—no other officer has a right to preside; still, when a Past Grand is called to the chair without objection, and does actually preside, the action had during his occupancy of the chair is not therefore void; and the fact that the accused made no objection at the time, and does not now complain of any act or decision of said Past Grand while presiding, is conclusive that the accused was in no way prejudiced in the premises.

The third assignment of error, to wit: That *ex parte* testimony was offered and relied on, which consisted in reading newspaper articles concerning the subject-matter of the trial, against the protest of the accused. This was improper, and not so easily to be disposed of. It is alleged by the attorney for the Lodge that said newspapers contained statements concerning an indictment which had been found against the accused for the

same offence, and other matters which tended to show that the accused had notice that his said premises were being used for the purpose aforesaid, and that they were read in answer to his complaint, that he was not aware of the fact. The reading of such papers was calculated to prejudice the minds of the members of the Lodge against the accused, and therefore was wrong. And if the testimony in the case (exclusive of this) was not so conclusive and abundant as to lead your committee to the conclusion that without it the same conclusion would have been properly arrived at—they would recommend a reversal on that ground. But believing that under the testimony (exclusive of this) that the conviction was correct, and that to cause another trial would and ought to lead to the same result, they are therefore indisposed to disturb the result for this cause.

As to the fourth and last error assigned, your committee think it not well taken. Before the ballot was decided, or the ballot-box examined, a member announced that he had voted under a mistake, and contrary to what he had intended. There is no evidence that he had voted in favor of the accused, or that he, the accused, could be prejudiced by reballoting, and the presiding officer took the only proper course to correct the mistake by allowing the members to cast their votes again. It was but one ballot, and but one result was reached, and which could not have been properly reached in any other way.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be sustained, and that the appeal be dismissed.

J. L. MILTON,
NATHAN PORTER,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
AARON B. CRANE,
ALF. D. JONES,
JAMES WOODYATT,
CHARLES N. HICKOK.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee to whom was referred the appeal of M. J. REILY, P. G., of Lawrence Lodge, No. 62, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, would respectfully report, that said M. J. REILY, P. G., made an application for a withdrawal card on the 31st of August, 1866, in open Lodge, which card was granted by a unanimous vote of the Lodge; but on account of negligence on the part of the Noble Grand, who was applied to for said card, it was not filled out, and the card so granted was not annulled by vote of the Lodge within one year.

Said M. J. REILY, on the 25th of February, 1870, wrote to Lawrence Lodge, requesting the issue of the card which had been granted him, that he might make application for membership in another jurisdiction, but his application was rejected. He applied to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The committee on appeals in said Grand Lodge reported in favor of dismissing the appeal and sustaining the action of Lawrence Lodge, and the following is the ground as stated in said report:

The card was applied for under the head of *good and welfare*, and that on the night of application for card, said M. J. REILY, P. G., absconded from his wife, and was not heard from for one year. Said M. J. REILY appeals from this action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and asks that the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States cause the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to issue to him a withdrawal card.

In the judgment of your committee, M. J. REILY was entitled to a withdrawal card, he being in good standing at the time of applying for said

card, and said card being granted by the vote of the Lodge, and he paying for the same; and if the Noble Grand allowed the vote taken in an improper manner, viz., not by ballot, M. J. REILY, the applicant for card, was not to blame, and especially should not be denied his card on application four years and six months after it was granted him, the card granted him not having been annulled. Refer to section 243 Digest of Laws, &c. We therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey be reversed, and the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

T. G. BEHARRELL,
C. N. HICKOK,
JAMES WOODYATT,
NATHAN PORTER,
J. L. MILTON,
A. W. JONES.

Rep. EDWARDS, of West Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Degree of Rebekah:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to use their influence in the Grand Lodge of the United States to have the law changed in regard to the Degree of Rebekah Lodges, so that the wife of an Odd-Fellow may remain a member of her Lodge so long as she may keep in good standing, regardless of any action the Lodge may take by dropping or expelling her husband.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision of the Ritual be and they are hereby charged with the duty of compiling a collection of odes and music, suitable for the use of Lodges, and also of the brotherhood in their various meetings, both public and private.

On motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, the Lodge agreed to take up for consideration resolution, page 5767, relative to the place of the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, as follows:

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The question being on the resolution—

Rep. DEWOLF, of Indiana, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolved," and insert as follows:

"That the next annual communication of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge be held in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. DEWOLF, of Indiana—

At this stage of the proceeding, Rep. DEWOLF, of Indiana, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the amendment, in view of the earnest appeal that the next session be held in the South.

The question now being on the original resolution of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, it was resolved *unanimously* that the next ses-

sion of the Grand Lodge of the United States be held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Past Grand Sires in attendance upon the present session of this Grand Lodge be allowed mileage and per diem.

The question being on the resolution—

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved to lay the same on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Alexander, Bundy, Carter, Cox, Crane, Dashiell, Dowden, Driscol, (2 votes.) Earl, Edwards, Empie, Garey, (2 votes,) Given, Gow, (2 votes,) Greenleaf, Hamlin of Massachusetts, Hanna, Harcourt, Hartshorn, Havenner, Jones of New Hampshire, Jones of Nebraska, Latham, (2 votes,) Leech, (2 votes,) Lindenberg, Madden, (2 votes,) Maris, McCraney, (2 votes,) McLean, Miller, Moulton, Needles, Newell of New Jersey, (2 votes,) Newell of Connecticut, Noltner, Nungesser, Olney, Phelps, Porter of Massachusetts, Pond, Price, Ratliff, Rawlings, Read, Rich, Richardson, Robinson, Sargent, Schwatka, Sehorn, Smart, Smith, Speck, Turner, Tyson, Wilcox, Wilson—65.

Nays.—Reps. Baker of North Carolina, Barber, Barrows, Beall, Bixby, Brugman, Curry, Damon, DeWolf, Dyer, (2 votes,) Estee, (2 votes,) Foulk, Fuhrmann, Gales, Gibson, Hamilton, Hammond, Harris, Hickok, Homes, Jackson, Lamberton, Langworthy, Lebby, Libby, (2 votes,) Lindsley, McQuiddy, Milton, Monroe, (2 votes.) Nealley, Palmer, Purvis, Randall, (2 votes,) Rankin, Ryan, Shipley, Sides, Silber, Simpson, Stokes, Ticknor, Trapp, Washburn, White of Nevada, White of New York, Woodward, Yorston—52.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. WILCOX—"That the Legislative Committee be and they are hereby instructed to consider the propriety and expediency of so amending the said law as to *require* Lodges and Encampments to refuse certificates to members whose general conduct, at or immediately before the time application shall be made for a dismissal certificate, may be 'unbecoming an Odd-Fellow,' such fact to be determined by a majority vote of the Lodge or Encampment upon objection being raised to granting such certificate"—have fully considered the same, and having no evidence that the existing law has worked injuriously to Lodges or their members, would therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted.

E. J. HAMILTON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
W. RICHARDSON,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
GEO. EDWARDS,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
SEATON GALES.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a charter for Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, at Elk Point, Dakota Territory; also the application for a charter for Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, at Montreal, in the Province of Quebec and Dominion of Canada, would respectfully report, that in each of said cases the Grand Sire has granted a dispensation authorizing the institution of the Lodge. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire, in granting said dispensations, be approved, and that charters be granted to said Lodges.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
R. M. JOHNSON,
JOHN HAMLIN,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY,
D. G. PALMER.

On motion of Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, to make the mileage and per diem out for seven days—

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, moved to strike out "seven," and insert "six," which was not agreed to.

The question being on the motion of Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, it was adopted.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report to this R. W Grand Lodge whether the action of this Grand Lodge, relative to remitting the subject of voting twice in a trial to local legislation, (session, 1868, p. 4368,) is or is not the law of this Grand Lodge, the same having been omitted from White's Digest.

Rep. BEHARRELL, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee of Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of JOHN ZIMMERMAN, on behalf of WILLIAM D. KENNEDY, P. G., against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, have had the papers referring to this case before them. They present, in a clear manner, all its peculiarities. We find that WILLIAM D. KENNEDY, P. G., made application by card for admission to membership in Toronto Lodge; that his application was referred to a committee and reported on favorably, and a ballot was taken. The Noble Grand of the Lodge announced that the candidate was elected, although there were three black balls in the box. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Noble Grand to the Lodge, and the Lodge sustained

the Noble Grand, whereupon the said WILLIAM D. KENNEDY was introduced in the Lodge, his election was announced to him, and subsequently he took part in the discussions of the Lodge.

Subsequently, the D. D. Grand Master gave a decision adverse to the action of the Noble Grand and the vote of the Lodge sustaining him, when said WM. D. KENNEDY applied for a withdrawal card, which application brought up the question of the position of WM. D. KENNEDY, Past Grand, in that Lodge, Was he a member of that Lodge or not?

It appears, from a copy of the minutes of Toronto Lodge, that he was regularly proposed for admission by card. The committee reported favorably. A ballot was had, and the Noble Grand declared him elected. The D. D. Grand Master was present on the night when the ballot was had, and was asked for his decision, but he deferred giving it until the next meeting of the Lodge. The Noble Grand was pressed to decide, and accordingly he did so, in accordance with the declaration he had already made, viz.: That WM. D. KENNEDY, Past Grand, was a member of Toronto Lodge.

An appeal was taken from his decision to the Lodge, and the Lodge sustained him in it. WM. D. KENNEDY, Past Grand, seeing there was a difference of opinion as to his election, asked for a withdrawal card. The withdrawal card was not granted, but after a letter was read from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and the decision of the D. D. Grand Master was given, the Noble Grand of the Lodge, in accordance with the decision of the D. D. Grand Master, that Bro. KENNEDY had not been elected a member of said Lodge, returned the card and accompanying fee to said brother.

Bro. JOHN ZIMMERMAN appealed from the decision of the D. D. Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and said Grand Lodge dismissed the appeal and sustained the action of the Noble Grand of the Lodge in returning W. D. KENNEDY, Past Grand, his card and fee.

Your committee are of opinion that section 130 of Digest of Laws, &c., of the Grand Lodge of the United States, covers this case, and according to said section WM. D. KENNEDY, Past Grand, was to all intents and purposes a member of Ontario Lodge, though he did not *sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution*, &c., of Toronto Lodge. We would offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained, and the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be reversed.

THOS. G BEHARRELL,
NATHAN PORTER,
J. L. MILTON,
AARON B. CRANE,
ROBERT LEBBY,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
GEORGE DAMON.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a charter for Fellenberg Lodge, No. 3, at Berne, Switzerland; also, the application for a charter for Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, at Winnepeg, in the Province of Manitoba and Dominion of Canada; also, the application for a charter for Alemania Lodge, No. 2, Dresden, Saxony, Germany; also, application for a charter for Lessing Encampment, No. 1, at Dresden, Saxony, Germany; also, the application for a charter for Star Encampment, No. 5,

at Georgetown, Colorado Territory; also, the application for a charter for Callao Lodge, No. 2, at Callao, in Peru, South America; also, the application for a charter for Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, at Pensacola, Florida; respectfully report that in each of the above cases the Grand Sire has granted a dispensation authorizing the institution of the Lodge or Encampment. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire, in granting the dispensations above mentioned, be approved, and that charters be granted to said Lodges and Encampments.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY,
D. G. PALMER,
R. M. JOHNSON

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred an application for a charter for a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Montana, having given the subject careful consideration, submit the following report:

There are four Subordinate Lodges and fifteen Past Grands joining in the petition. They are aware that they have not attained to the constitutional number which would entitle them to a charter, but urge that in view of their isolated position, the difficulties in the way of having personal interviews with Grand Officers, or Grand Lodges, and the heavy expense necessary therefor, as well as the trouble and expense of procuring supplies, together with other reasons, it would be to the advantage of the Order to allow them to establish a Grand Lodge now. The committee find that, in other cases somewhat similar, charters have been granted upon the condition that this Grand Lodge should not incur any expense for a Grand Representative until the constitutional number of Lodges (ten) should have been instituted within the jurisdiction; and believing that the action prayed for would give an impetus to the increase and prosperity of the Order in that distant Territory; and further, that it is the true policy, and in accordance with the principles of Odd-Fellowship, that the strong should encourage, strengthen and assist the weak, whenever the same can properly and prudently be done; it is therefore recommended that the following resolutions be adopted:

Resolved, That a charter for the institution of a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Montana be granted, in accordance with the prayer of said petition, upon condition that this Grand Lodge shall not incur any expense for a Grand Representative from said jurisdiction until after ten Subordinate Lodges shall have been instituted within the same.

Resolved, That said Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name of the "Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Montana of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
D. G. PALMER,
R. M. JOHNSON,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing Supplies report that they held their first meeting in Baltimore, on the 29th of October, 1872. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, having resigned his position as a member of the committee, the Grand Sire appointed JOHN MEDOLE, Representative from New York, to fill the vacancy.

The committee organized by electing JOHN MEDOLE Chairman, and THEODORE A. Ross Secretary, and at once arranged for issuing a large edition of the revised Initiatory Charge Book, ordered by the Grand Lodge. It was considered as of great importance that the secrecy of the book should be carefully guarded, so that it should not be in any way exposed to the uninitiated during the process of printing and binding. It was at first supposed that many of the stereotype plates of the old edition could be used, but on examination they were found to be so damaged that it became necessary to procure new plates. The entire initiatory work was set up with new type, and electrotyped, and the plates of the opening, closing and installation ceremony were repaired.

The work done during the year consists of 70,200 Cards, 42,000 Odes, 2179 Diplomas, 618 Degree of Rebekah Books, 150 Grand Lodge Books, 13,589 Charge Books, 1000 Degree Books, 200 Encampment Institution Books, 150 Grand Encampment Books, on terms the committee consider decidedly favorable to the Grand Lodge. They also procured a Dandy roll to be used in the manufacture of the paper required for the visiting and withdrawal cards.

Proposals for printing the Officers' Reports, daily and revised Journals, were invited from printers in several cities convenient to Baltimore, and a contract for the execution of the required work was made by which the cost of this printing has been much reduced.

The entire expenditures of the committee for supplies amount to $5,954.93, for which warrants on the R. W. Grand Treasurer were drawn. This does not include the Reports of Officers, the daily Journal or the revised Journal of this session. The following resolutions are submitted for your consideration:

Resolved, That a competent book-keeper shall be employed, who shall have charge of all the supplies furnished by this Grand Lodge, receiving and disbursing the same, keep his books in a systematic manner, and have full charge of the financial affairs of the office, under the direction of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and perform generally such duties in the office as the Grand Secretary may direct.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to have a complete inventory of the available supplies on hand made immediately after the close of this session.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MEDOLE.
THEO. A. ROSS,
ALEX. L. SPEAR,
J. P. SANDERS,
FRED. D. STUART,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
JOSHUA VANSANT.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing Supplies report that some disposition should be made of the following useless articles now in the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary, viz.: About 180 parcels of stereotype plates of the Ellis Digest, and old editions of the Charge book; 831 Charge books, 865 Odes, 1240 Cards, 14 Degree books, 17 Rebekah Degree books, 2 Subordinate Encampment books, 12 Institution of Encampment books, 26 Grand Encampment books, 103 German Charge books, 125 Diplomas, all being old editions, a number of books surrendered by defunct Lodges and Encampments; Obligation on slips; Forms for opening and closing Rebekah Degree Lodges, Instructions for organizing Rebekah Degree Lodges, and a lot of Charge books in sheets, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be and are hereby authorized to have the plates broken up and sold, and the remaining enumerated articles destroyed,

JOHN MEDOLE,
THEO. A. ROSS,
ALEX. L. SPEAR,
J. P. SANDERS,
FRED. D. STUART,
JAS. L. RIDGELY,
JOSHUA VANSANT.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5823, being from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5824, from the Committee on Appeals, on the informal appeals of CHAS. ENGEL and Bro. VAN BALEN, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of W. H. BARNES, Past Grand Master, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5825, from the same committee, on the appeal of J. H. WHITE, Past Chief Patriarch, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of W. H. STOY, of Cottonwood Lodge, No. 2, of Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5827, from the Judiciary Committee, in the matter of GEORGE DEAN, appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5828, from the Committee on Finance, on the application of the brethren of Dresden, Saxony, Germany, and Zurich, Switzerland, for pecuniary aid in building Odd-Fellows' Halls, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5830, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of a parade dress, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. TURNER, of Ohio, moved to lay the report on the table, which was not agreed to, and the question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the application of St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, and Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, for duplicate charters, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5831, from the special committee on a form of funeral service for Encampments, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved to recommit the report, with instructions to the committee to report at the next session, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Appeals, in the case of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the report be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report the facts of the case, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 5832, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of translating the ritual into the Welsh language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, relative to visiting Lodges and Encampments on the P. W. of the preceding term, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. ESTEE, of California, moved to amend the resolution by striking out in the third line the word "week," and inserting "four weeks."

Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, raised the point of order, "that the adoption of the report involved a change in the Charge Book, and therefore was out of order."

At this stage of the proceedings, the Chair announced that the hour of 11 having arrived, "Memorial Addresses" were now in order, whereupon the Lodge proceeded to that subject.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: I rise to announce the death of THOMAS E. LLOYD, Past Grand Representative of the jurisdiction of Georgia. He died at his home, in the city of Savannah, on the 31st day of July, 1873, in the fifty-second year of his age.

Bro. LLOYD was initiated into Oglethorpe Lodge, No. 1, on the 13th of June, 1843, and in June, 1845, was elected a Representative to this Grand Body. In 1846 he was elected, and served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. In his death the Order has lost an early, devoted and distinguished member—the legal profession, to which he belonged, a shining light—and the community in which he lived, a beloved and useful citizen.

Rep. PHELPS, of Connecticut, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: As a Representative from Connecticut, I deem it my duty to announce the death of SAMUEL BISHOP, Past Grand Representative of New Haven, on the 23d day of June, 1873, aged sixty-three years. He was one of the founders of Odd-Fellowship in Connecticut, and a Representative to this Grand Body in 1844. He was long Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and remained a devoted member of the Order to the day of his death. He was an intimate friend of the beloved and lamented Past Grand Sire KENNEDY, who was always the guest of Bro. BISHOP when he visited Connecticut. They were both buried the same week; truly, in death they were not divided. It is but a merited tribute to the worth of Bro. BISHOP that his memory be perpetuated by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. DODGE, of Rhode Island, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It becomes my painful duty to announce to this Grand Lodge the death of HENRY ARMINGTON, Past Grand Representative of the jurisdiction of Rhode Island.

Bro. ARMINGTON was born in North Providence, Rhode Island, December 18th, 1822; died in North Providence, December 6th, 1872. He was initiated into Hope Lodge, No. 4, of Providence, August 5th, 1844; installed Noble Grand, January, 1851; admitted a member of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, August, 1851; installed M.W. Grand Master of Rhode Island, August 5th, 1853; represented the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in the Grand Lodge of the United States in 1853–59, and again in 1865–66.

Ever active and faithful in the work of our Order; always ready to lend a helping hand to the suffering children of nature. Such was Bro. ARMINGTON. He has passed from the scenes of earth to reap the reward of his labors. In the death of Bro. ARMINGTON our Order has suffered a heavy bereavement—an irreparable loss. He was a worthy and useful citizen, and a tried Odd-Fellow. Faithful to every interest in which he was engaged; universally respected, he died lamented by all. For many years a zealous Odd-Fellow, devoted to its principles, and ambitious of its success.

In this bereavement our Order has lost one of its most valuable supporters; his State an active and faithful citizen; his family a kind and indulgent husband and father, and mankind a sincere friend.

Rep. PORTER, of California, followed with a brief tribute to the same brother.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: On the last day of the session of 1872 of this Grand Lodge was placed upon its Journal a communication presented by your Worthy Grand Secretary, from one whom he had learned to love, and this Grand Lodge to honor and respect, expressing an earnest desire to be present at, and profound disappointment at his unavoidable absence from this session, being held captive at home by indisposition. To-day I rise to announce the permanent absence from your sessions of the same loved friend of the Grand Secretary and respected member of this Grand Body. Another of the faithful and vigilant pioneers of American Odd-Fellowship is gone, and his wonted seats in the National and State Councils of our Order are vacant.

On the 20th day of June, 1873, at his residence in New York city, JOHN A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire, was stricken with death, and at half-past two o'clock, P. M., the earthly ties with family and friends were severed, and his cares and labors in this world were ended. Although his demise was sudden and unexpected to his general and extended circle of acquaintances, yet the increase in number, duration and severity of the paroxysms of bodily distress and suffering, proceeding from neuralgia in the stomach, with which he had for a few months been afflicted, and which baffled medical aid, gave timely warning to a few of a fatal result sooner or later, when the disease should reach the heart and assert its authority over the mortal.

JOHN A. KENNEDY was initiated in Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, in Baltimore, Maryland, on the 18th of February, 1831, then in the twenty-eighth year of his age. That he became at once an active and useful member of that Lodge may be inferred from the fact that he passed five of its several chairs in the fifteen months subsequent to his initiation, and was admitted to the Grand Lodge of Maryland on the 19th of May, 1832. He took an active interest in all reform measures tending to elevate and advance the Order, and particularly in the movement for the education of Odd-Fellows' orphans, of which organization in Baltimore he was Secretary from May, 1832, to March, 1834. On the 20th of January, 1834, he was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which office he resigned on the 15th of April following, preparatory to his removal to the city of New York.

Immediately after taking up his abode in that city, he cast about for a home and resting place in Odd-Fellowship, and on the 6th of May, 1834, deposited his card in Getty's Lodge, No. 11, then a new Lodge, having been instituted in January of the same year. Here he found genial associates and zealous co-workers in the young, active and enthusiastic membership of a new and vigorous Lodge.

Having withdrawn from Salem Encampment, No. 2, of Maryland, in which he had been initiated while a resident of Baltimore, he was one of the applicants to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in 1834, for a charter for Mount Hebron Encampment, No. 2, (now No. 4,) to be opened in New York city, which was denied from want of jurisdiction. A charter, however, was subsequently obtained, through his agency and energy, from New York Encampment, No. 1, Albany, and Bro. KENNEDY was its first High Priest.

Early in 1835 he organized the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association of New York, which movement the Grand Lodge of that State endorsed on the 5th of February, 1836, by the election of a trustee of the projected Hall. Bro. KENNEDY was made its Secretary; but, from want of ample working capital, and owing to other adverse circumstances, the association was not organized under the corporative act of the Legislature until April 6th, 1844, when he was chosen its President, and continued in that position, by annual re-election, until the day of his death. The laying of the corner-stone on the 4th of June, 1847; the erection of the Hall during the next two

years; and its dedication on the 4th of June, 1849, were conducted under the guidance and supervision of his master mind, and the edifice now stands as a monument of his unfaltering will and energy.

On the 19th of September, 1838, he was unanimously elected Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of New York, and took his seat in this body in October for one year.

At the annual session of 1839 he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, and was one of the most efficient and industrious executive officers of the day.

He was one of the applicants for the charter for the Grand Encampment of the State of New York, which was instituted in New York city in August, 1839.

In 1841 he was selected by the Grand Lodge of Delaware as its Proxy Representative in this Grand Lodge; and at the annual session of that year he was elevated to the exalted position of Grand Sire. His administration covered an eventful period in the history of the Order—remarkable alike for the importance of the occurring issues, results and terminations, and for the independent position which American Odd-Fellowship had been compelled to assume.

In 1850 he was elected to represent the Grand Encampment of Southern New York in this Grand Body, and continued so to do until 1860; it is not necessary for me to say that he did so with profit to this body, with credit to his jurisdiction, and with honor to himself.

In the struggles and conflicts incident to the re-organization of the Grand Lodge, and in the efforts to re-establish the harmony and supremacy of the Order in New York, from 1836 to 1839—in the controversies which led to a division of the jurisdiction in 1848—and in the union of the two Grand Lodges in 1866, Bro. KENNEDY was one of the chief actors. For upwards of forty years he has been closely identified with every important movement connected with or in the interest of the Order. He has been a party to or participant in nearly every revision or change made of its Ritual. His one constant aim has been to increase the prestige and extend the power and usefulness of the Institution. His mind has been invariably engaged in this absorbing pursuit. His record in the Order is that of a patient, earnest, sincere and indomitable worker and counsellor. The noble one he leaves behind him will be a lasting monument to his memory; and no more eloquent epitaph could be inscribed above his last resting-place than

"The soft memory of his virtues yet lingers,
Like twilight hues when the bright sun has set."

There is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn, even from the charm of the living. The respect that survives the tomb is one of the noblest attributes of the soul.

JOHN A. KENNEDY was a self-made man in the best sense of the term. He had enjoyed unusual opportunities in many respects; by habits of close study of character and of general and extensive reading, as well as by travel and observation, he acquired a rare fund of information, and became possessed of more sound knowledge than is usually met with in men who travel the ordinary channels of life.

He was very decided and set in his opinions. He rarely sought advice, and those who pressed their counsels upon him never gained much from their efforts. His mental independence and moral courage were alike uncompromising. There was nothing he so much hated as the idea of being owned, managed, or dictated to by any body. It was his rule, his policy, his religion, to follow the promptings and conclusions of his own mind; and to do and to say what he himself thought right and proper.

He lived his public life and fought its battles misunderstood, feared, assailed, and courted; and yet through the whole of it walking in his own path, and acting according to his own uninfluenced will and opinions as few men are able to do. He seemed to know men by instinct, and saw

through their motives at a glance, especially the bad ones. He was at all times frank and out-spoken in his views, detesting deception in every form.

In his domestic relations he was most affectionate and generous; and when the overwhelming burst of grief is calmed into the gentle tear of recollection, then the sudden anguish and convulsed agony of the wife and sister over the present ruins of all that they most loved will be softened with pensive meditation on all that was to them bright and lovely in the past.

In social life he was a very entertaining and remarkable man. He had great conversational powers. He had such a wonderful memory and knowledge of men and things, and so full of anecdote as well, that his society was eagerly sought after. He was at times the object of much vituperation, but his many good deeds and excellent traits of character far outweighed all that was said against him.

Had he been differently constituted than he was, who can say he would have suited the aims and objects of his life so well as he has done? or that he would have played so large or so useful a part upon the stage of Odd-Fellowship? The peculiar instruments of Providence are not always selected or fashioned to meet with conventional approbation; and so let us leave the final judgment upon him who has now gone to give an account of his earthly labors, with that tribunal whose love and wisdom are alike infinite, and whose sentence is beyond the possibility of error.

Bro. ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, of Massachusetts, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: Eloquent as have been the eulogistic remarks of the distinguished representative from New York on the death of Past Grand Sire KENNEDY; seemingly exhaustive as has been the portrayal of his character as an Odd-Fellow, and his sterling integrity and worth as a man, it only discovers to us how poorly even eloquence of words translates the sorrow of the heart. Death, with his skeleton foot, has indeed trod the floor of this Grand Lodge, and taken away a renowned one of our Order. State lines and state jurisdictions must yield their particular grief when a common calamity overwhelms an entire brotherhood.

A strong pillar of our great confederacy has fallen. The watchman upon our towers, the ruler in our palaces, has obeyed the freezing call. Do we find consolation in the thought that we must *all*, one day, stoop and pay our court to the despotic tomb? That statesmen and orators must shun the multitude whose minds they have swayed, and cleave to silence and oblivion? The grave indeed closes over the ashes of the dead, and they are veiled from our sight; but the eye of faith sees them in all the freshness and beauty of youth, in the full maturity of manhood, in the declivity of life, when the sear and the yellow leaf are inviting them to the contemplation of other worlds, where the jeweled regalia of the Odd Fellow is exchanged for the robes of immortal life. The Journal of this Grand Lodge and the literature of our Order, for more than forty years, have been enriched by the valuable contributions and incessant labors of JOHN A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire. Almost cotemporary with the founders of American Odd-Fellowship, his prophetic vision saw its rising glory in the golden promise-light of the future. With a prophet's voice, when occupying the office of Grand Sire, thirty years ago this very month, he thus spoke of the great hereafter: "It is not only in England and Germany that we may expect to be enabled to give immediate spread to universal Odd-Fellowship, but in other remote countries the fields are ripe for the harvest, and it is only necessary that we should enter in to possess them. The period has nearly arrived, if indeed it is not already at hand, when it will be our work, as it will be our pleasure, to plant Odd-Fellowship throughout the earth. So well disseminated has the

Order became among all classes of the people of this country, that wherever they go, Odd-Fellowship goes with them, and the acknowledged intelligence of American travellers will afford them a preponderating influence co-extensive with our commerce. Let us then make wise provision for the future, nor wait until the present shall overtake it, and render more difficult that which even now is not without its perplexities. Standing alone, as it now does, before the world and high Heaven, resting solely on its intrinsic merits for its future usefulness, our beloved Order is with confidence commended to the care and protection of Him who, in the plenitude of his providence, 'tempers the wind to the shorn lamb.'" During his short visit to Boston in December, 1841, for the purpose of re-establishing the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, I had the honor of making his acquaintance. Though not a member of the Grand Lodge at that time, I was deeply impressed with his earnest advocacy of the principles of Odd-Fellowship, and his firm belief in its ultimate triumph.

For his encouraging words addressed to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts on that occasion, our jurisdiction is to-day bowed with grief, and we mourn his departure with a sincere sorrow. Never shall I forget his "Welcome Massachusetts" addressed to myself, when in 1846 I first appeared as a representative in this Grand Body. Those kindly words are still ringing in my ears. On the 28th of April last, he presided over a public meeting of the Lodges, comprising District No. 1, of New York city, which had met to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the birth of American Odd-Fellowship. That was his last public appearance before the Order, and he was even then suffering from the malady that so soon terminated his earthly career. In proffering his hand to me on that occasion, the old "Welcome Massachusetts" fell once more from his lips.

Said the Rev. Bishop JANES, in conducting his obsequies in New York, "such was his known moral character, such the strength of his integrity, that I doubt whether, during all his years of public office, any man had the temerity to approach him with a bribe. And such are the only men who are fitted to hold office. Men who cannot be approached with the suggestion of corruption. Men whose characters are so well understood, that none dare to trifle with them in this regard. No man questions the uprightness, integrity, perfect fairness, and honesty with which he administered the offices to which he was called by the public. How much more noble to have it to say of him that he was honest, that he was superior to temptation, than to have the papers say of him that he had acquired a large fortune, that his family were left rich! It is a grateful service to-day, in this presence, to testify to the inflexible integrity of this public servant."

Golden words! Emblems of good deeds winged for the future. That voice, so eloquent in the council chambers of our fraternity, is hushed and silent. The warm heart that throbbed for others woes has ceased its vibrations, and all that was mortal of our associate, brother, friend, has passed beyond the reach of human events, and has ceased to feel the vicissitudes of human affairs.

The frail tabernacle of clay has been gathered to its kindred dust, but the brilliant legacy of noble deeds, of faithful labors, of domestic affections, of official integrity, will survive the grave, and transmit immortal blessings through the cycles of infinite change. Surrounded by living and loving witnesses of his virtue and his worth, a friend and brother pauses for a brief moment to add this tribute to his memory.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Having passed so many years of service on the floor of the Grand Lodge of the United States with Bro. KENNEDY, and having been thrown so frequently with him in the discharge of duties

in this body, I feel that I ought not to permit this occasion to pass without laying my humble chaplet upon the grave of our departed brother.

Odd-Fellowship in our country has passed through two distinctly marked phases in its history.

Past Grand Sire WILDEY was the representative man and type of the first stage in its history; Past Grand Sire KENNEDY was one among the distinguished and able men who gave form and character to it as it is now known among us. They were men who, with enlarged and comprehensive views, struck off every feature of the Institution that was obnoxious to the public sentiment of the country—every branch that marred the symmetry and beauty of its fair proportions—and in their place engrafted upon it those high, elevated and ennobling principles of morality which mark and distinguish what we now know as American Odd-Fellowship.

Bro. KENNEDY was one among the few men who stood by the cradle of Odd-Fellowship as it now exists among us. He contributed much to the settlement of the great principles which we now regard as fundamental in the Order. He brought to this work qualities singularly adapted to the discharge of the duties which the practical operation of these great principles required. He had a sound and discriminating judgment, a retentive memory, great fertility of resource, indefatigable industry and unyielding tenacity of purpose; above all, he had the rarest talent confided to the children of men. His executive faculties—his administrative abilities were of the highest order. He devoted every power of mind and body with prodigal liberality and wonderful success to the good of the Order he loved. With an enthusiasm engendered in early youth, it burned with unabated fervor to the end of his long, useful and honored life. He was a good Odd-Fellow. His influence pervaded the whole Order, and in this sphere he was a great man. The records of our Order are a splendid monument of his devotion and fidelity, of his ability and his genius. He was a man worthy of the laurel which devoted affection has entwined around the portrait that adorns the hall in which we sit. He was one of the few men our Order has produced who, with even and steady step, trod the road over which Odd-Fellowship points to immortality.

But he is gone! His chair is vacant! Who among his contemporaries will rise up to fill it with the grand proportions with which he filled it? We shall see his face among us no more.

> "Like the mist on the mountain,
> Like the foam on the river,
> Like the bubble in the fountain,
> He is gone—and forever."

But while American Odd-Fellowship survives—while efforts in behalf of human benefaction meet with sympathy in the hearts of men—the name and the memory of JOHN A. KENNEDY will never perish. The annals of our Order—our records from the period of his brilliant administration as Grand Sire to the termination of his career by death, are luminous with the evidences of his indefatigable labors, the soundness of his judgment, his perfect comprehension of the great principles of our Order, and of the powers of his clear and discriminating intellect. I shall not attempt to enumerate these evidences of devotion to the Order. To do so would be to trace its history. I have neither the time nor the capacity for that. His labors have been too extensive and his work has been too well done for the memorials of them to pass away. It is impossible for Odd-Fellows to forget the man whose handiwork shines so conspicuously and so gloriously in the whole structure of Odd-Fellowship as it now exists among us, from foundation-stone to turret-top. While that glorious edifice stands as it does—the moral wonder of the age in which we live—it cannot be that the name of the man who was among its chief architects, and who was its historian, shall ever be effaced from our memories, or the memory of those who shall succeed us.

Most Worthy Grand Sire, the men whose lot it was to stand by the cradle of American Odd-Fellowship are fast passing away—most of them have passed away. The few veterans that remain appear among us with bent forms and silvered locks, warning us that every throb of the heart is as the beat of the muffled drum in the dead-march to the tomb.

In the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, where I reside, there is a somewhat obscure cemetery. That city of the dead is full. A more beautiful spot has been selected, to which crowds are daily attracted, either to admire the romantic beauty of the place or to visit the graves of the loved and the lost. But in that to which I have just referred, there is an humble grave—difficult to be found among the hundreds of those of the unknown or forgotten—but when the unfrequent vistor approaches it, and finds whose remains rest there, he stands instinctively with uncovered head and speaks with bated breath, for he feels that the spot of earth which contains all that was mortal of JOHN MARSHALL, late Chief Justice of the United States, is sacred ground. A plain marble slab, so covered with moss as almost to conceal the simple inscription of the name and the dates of the birth and death of the great man whose remains rest beneath it, is the only memorial that marks that spot. But the great expounder of the Constitution needs no monumental pile to perpetuate his memory. That is too deeply engraved in the history of the land he loved, too deeply enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen to pass away. That name will live while intellectual power has an admirer, and while constitutional liberty has a votary.

And so, Most Worthy Grand Sire, let us take measures to perpetuate the memories of our great men. Let us gather the materials of their histories while their contemporaries survive. Let us garner up the records of their works, and of the words of wisdom which they spoke, as the brightest gems in the treasury of our Order—and then, if succeeding generations in reading these noble memorials shall be incited to emulate their deeds and to imitate their virtues, they will be the richest legacy which this generation of Odd-Fellows can transmit to those who shall succeed them. And then, too, the names and the memories of our worthies will pass to after times, fresh and green, when the marble of the monument shall have crumbled into dust.

Believe me, my brethren, there is something in the Order worth struggling for and worth living for; for it holds in its hand as the reward of devotion and fidelity, and of noble and lofty effort, the gift of an imperishable name.

Grand Secretary RIDGELY addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: The illustrious brother, whose death has been announced, has so marked his path of life, especially in our community; is so universally endeared by the brilliant memories which lie in profusion strewed about that path, and is rendered so immortal by their grandeur, that words, however fitly chosen, fail to adorn his character or to point the golden moral of that life.

He was born in the city of Baltimore on the ninth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and three, of parents of Irish extraction; his education was simply rudimental and plain by reason of the limited advantages of the times. At the proper age he was apprenticed to a trade, from which, in a few years after his majority, he passed into commercial pursuits; shifting his occupations as he advanced in years, and as his ripening talents, increasing experience, and well treasured observations suggested. With popular manners, superadded to great practical intelligence, he soon won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he was called to act, and gradually rose, by his intrinsic worth, very much by his own unaided efforts, to that high sphere of influence among men which distinguished his meridian

and more matured life. Born with no worldly advantage, reared without the opportunity of much mental culture, he so trained and fashioned his course as to become an honored citizen, to weave for himself a model character, and to crown his work with such merit that enemies, if any he had, would have been compelled to bear witness to his exalted worth.

It has been well said, "that when a poor man refuses to remain in the lot in which he was born, and by the force of his character comes to stand among the princes of the earth, and in his lofty position acts his part honorably, he is truly great." Every day's experience and observation confirm the truth of this remark, since eminence, in almost every field of labor, is the reward of patient and persistent struggle and self-reliance.

It was my privilege to have enjoyed his friendship and uninterrupted confidence during forty years, and to have most happily harmonized with him in general opinions. So close and fraternal were our relations in Odd-Fellowship that although during our intimacy the Order underwent a most thorough reconstruction, so much so that its fundamental structure was essentially modified, yet in no instance that I remember, except one, did we differ in principle upon the proper policy or administration of the system. After he left the city of Baltimore for New York, about 1835, to reside, our correspondence commenced, which continued up to his death.

This correspondence never flagged, however absorbed we may have been in business pursuits, or separated by distance, and its subject-matter was chiefly Odd-Fellowship and its welfare. During his last illness, whenever free from bodily suffering, his mind instinctively turned to the all-absorbing love of his life. On the 19th day of June, soon after one of the periodical, terrible paroxysms, to which he was subject, had passed off, he wrote his last letter. It was written to the Grand Secretary, his life long friend, in words so characteristic that they convey the impression of robust health as well of body as of mind, and of a hope that was buoyant and inspiring. The Grand Sire had committed to him, because of his eminent caution and peculiar aptness for so delicate a trust, the transmission of the secret work to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. The letter was upon that subject, specially, and displayed the clearest and most active judgment as well as the highest sense of the responsibility which he had assumed. That letter reached me on the 20th of June, the day of his death, almost contemporaneously with the telegram which announced the sad result.

The event, sudden as it was, did not by any means take his friends by surprise. A protracted illness during the winter, which resisted the skill and earnest assiduity of his medical adviser, had made such inroads upon his constitution that his former massive frame gave the most unmistakable evidences that its energy was undermined. Although apparently recuperating, so that in fine weather he could occasionally appear at his place of business, at his Lodge, and among his friends, yet it was too manifest, as the spring passed away and summer entered upon its round, that the enemy was gaining, and that his days were numbered.

Some ten days before the fatal blow was struck, a mutual friend, who had just left his presence, wrote me thus: "Our dear KENNEDY's health declines rapidly. I shall not be surprised to hear of his death at any moment." Not so, however, did his condition impress himself. Full of confident hope, and with unconquerable industry, did he toil during the whole winter in the compilation and arrangement of the material for his work on Odd-Fellowship, which had ever been his favorite theme. The excitement and interest inseparable from this occupation not only served to mitigate his bodily suffering, but to inspire composure and buoyancy, the effect of which was doubtless to prolong his life. As the end approached, his wonderful trust in his restoration to health never for a moment wavered, and in his last letter his plan for the summer retreat of himself and family, in a rural city of Northern New York, was succinctly detailed. The mind continued ever clear and conscious; he looked back upon his long and

useful life as it loomed up before him without reproach of misspent talents, of wasted time, or unemployed opportunity, and upon the beautiful record which it inscribed, with no fearful shadow of the future, but with a faith which did not falter in the fulness of that reward which the Omnipotent hath in store for the righteous.

"Nothing is here for tears, nothing to wail,
* * * no weakness, no contempt;
Dispraise or blame; nothing but well and fair,
* * * in a death so noble."

He sleeps the sleep of the brave, whose victories herald the advent of peace.

"Peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war."

The chaplet which adorns his brow has been woven from the tears subdued and the sorrows assuaged of the heart stricken and the uplifted; like the flower of the field, its beauty will grow in freshness, its fragance increase, and its virtues expand as time shall disclose its perfection.

The triumphs of the warrior desolate, devastate, destroy; wasted fields, burning cities, shrieking agony, are its watchwords; death its holocaust; but the triumph of peace, like the music of the spheres, attunes the soul to its divine nature. With this weapon uplifted did our brother wage his battle of life; this offering did he lay upon the altar of sacrifice; this was the oblation he dedicated to the holiest cause which can nerve the arm or animate the heart of a true man.

If we look around this old hall, so familiar to his presence during so many long years, we shall still behold his manly form, not in the flesh, with eagle-eye and elastic tread, but embodied on the record in all the elements of life which assure immortality. There he stands, and will ever stand, like a colossal statue, more eloquently and aptly described in his own distinctive character than the highest genius could fashion; more exquisitely delineated than consummate skill could chisel. The pure philanthropist, the good man, the loving son and brother, the model husband, the useful citizen, the firm friend, the devoted Odd-Fellow; the man of taste, of skill, of ripe judgment. What more could humanity aspire to? What more does humanity lack to conform it to the image of its Creator?

No Odd-Fellow who is at all conversant with our history for the past forty years can fail to realize that a great man has fallen in our Israel; that a star of magnitude has been struck from our firmament. He appeared upon this theater in the beginning of what is known as the second decade of the Order, and may be justly styled the master-spirit of the immortal band who then guided our noble craft upon its difficult and perilous course. He was eminently a leader at that early day, so pronounced in his qualities, so clear and discriminating in his counsels, so high-toned and pure in his moral, that no man of his cotemporaries could fail to be impressed by the power of his presence, and by the great value of his work. The ability which he brought to bear upon all important measures, and the long continuity of this service, running through a period of over forty years, developing deeper and larger devotion and personal sacrifice as his life advanced and the demands of his private affairs grew upon him, would have alone consecrated him to our love and veneration; but these are comparatively but a tithe of his title to immortality. He was emphatically a peculiar man; so did his greatness disclose itself in almost every prominent characteristic that we look in vain for its counterpart; like beauty unadorned—like Nature itself—he was pure, candid, true. There was a spotless record of life, an inflexible love of the right, for its own exclusive sake, instinctive in him, which no trial could tempt to parley; a charm and fascination of manner which won all hearts, and was indescribably captivating; an intuitive power, which probed to the bottom of men and things in a twinkling, and searched so thoroughly that truth

revealed itself in spite of effort to conceal it; stern and firm and inexorable at the call of duty and honor, yet abounding in the milk of human kindness; emotional as a woman, gentle as a child, at the sight of human suffering. Such remarkable powers of discrimination, of quickness of perception, of force of deduction and patience of research, were rarely combined, and the felicity of their application was not less apt and wonderful. The loss of such a laborer in our great field will be long felt, yet it is some compensation to realize the gain, the great gain, which Odd-Fellowship has secured in the life, character, and death of such a brother. He was an Odd-Fellow of forty years' experience, anchored to its great principles, as well in theory as in practice, by a love so firm that time did not relax, nor did age and its infirmities abate its grasp; as the fruit of its divine teaching his character was pure, blameless; his mission of life exemplary, honorable, useful. This noble monument did he erect to his own memory, which will survive until the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man shall have been merged in the boundless ocean of Eternity.

It is not for this day to measure even with approximate gauge his career of life. A quarter or half century hence, when his plans and principles shall have passed from theory to fulfilment, when his prophetic ken shall have become historic, and the reality of events which his prescient skill has fashioned out as inevitable in the revolution of mind and its natural progress shall have transpired, will JOHN A. KENNEDY begin to loom forth out of the canvas, and his true worth appear in the sight of men.

Rep. MANSUR, of Missouri, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: Since the last convocation of this Grand Lodge, Missouri has been called upon to lament the death of one of her distinguished sons, who had the honor of representing her jurisdiction upon this floor.

Bro. CHARLES C. MAURO, Past Grand Representative, was born in the year A. D. 1827, and initiated by St. Louis Lodge, No. 5, of Missouri, on June 15th, A. D. 1850, in which he retained membership during life.

The zeal and ability of our deceased brother early commended him to the confidence of his Lodge, which he served with faithfulness through all the grades of office, and became a member of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in A. D. 1855. Since which time, it is not too much to say, that the impress of his labor is indelibly engraved upon the jurisprudence and legislation of that Grand Body.

In A. D. 1861 he became R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and in A. D. 1866 was exalted to the honorable and important position of Grand Master of that jurisdiction, where his labors proved so acceptable as to result in his nomination and election as Grand Representative to this body, where he served during the session, A. D. 1867 and 1868, serving upon several important committees, both standing and special, being chairman of the Committee on Correspondence at the session of A. D. 1868.

Although in the enjoyment of apparent good health, yet his death is another instance of the truth, "That in the midst of life we are in death;" for on the 28th of March last, Bro. MAURO, in the bosom of his family, was stricken with paralysis, from which, speechless and helpless, he lingered until the next day.

Bro. MAURO was a lawyer of ability and reputation, and served his fellow citizens acceptably in several highly important positions of public trust.

As a man he was above reproach in all his dealings with his fellow citizens; as an Odd-Fellow, his zeal was most commendable, and while his will was firm, and his convictions adamantine, yet his unvarying fund of good humor won him friends on all occasions.

With the tongue of eloquence he combined the wisdom of an astute legislator. Trained in the forum, he was a foeman in the defence of his positions worthy the steel of any opponent. To those who knew him here, or on the floor of his own Grand Body, no proof of this is necessary.

In this connection, it is eminently worthy of notice, that, if in the heat of debate, Bro. MAURO cast an arrow barbed with bitterness or sarcasm, yet such was the genial character of our brother, that the occasion was scarce passed until he was the first to extend the hand of fellowship and ask reconciliation for any unfortunate difference of opinion or hasty remark that might have occurred.

Missouri mourns his loss, and confidently expresses the belief, that by his early death, the Order at large is deprived of a bright ornament, who combined within himself all the elements of moral power necessary to constitute him a pillar of strength in the day of trial or adversity.

Rep. HARCOURT, of Texas, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is my melancholy duty to announce that the jurisdiction of Texas is in mourning for the loss of one of her honored and efficient Past Grand Masters.

On the 16th day of July, 1873, HENRY E. PERKINS, Past Grand Master, departed this life in the city of Houston, Texas. He was initiated in Lone Star Lodge, No. 1, and for his zeal and fidelity as an Odd-Fellow he was soon advanced to the highest offices of the Lodge. He was stricken down in the prime of life, yet he had been promoted, by the partiality of his friends, to the high positions of Grand Master and Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States. He enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens, and the love and esteem of his brethren.

Bro. ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, of Massachusetts, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: On the closing day of the last communication of this body, a letter was received by the Grand Secretary, simply announcing the death of JOSEPH B. FROST, Past Grand Representative of Massachusetts, who died on the day previous. The distinguished position P. G. FROST has held in our Order, his faithful labors in the vineyard of Odd-Fellowship, deserve a more extended notice, and may not inappropriately occupy a niche in the memorial tablet of our Journal.

The problem of American Odd-Fellowship, perhaps, had not been fully solved when Bro. FROST enlisted under its banner. He became a member by initiation of Tompkins Lodge, No. 9, of New York city, in 1840. Such was his peculiar temperament, and keen foresight, that when he enlisted in any cause, charitable, political or polemical, he first assured himself that it had not only the elements of success, but that its ultimate triumph would redound to the honor and glory of a common humanity. During his membership in Tompkins Lodge he fil'ed, with great ability, the office of Secretary, and subsequently rose to the highest official position in its gift, and upon his departure for a permanent residence in Massachusetts, he was presented with an elegant written testimonial of their appreciation of his eminent services. In that truthful record are the following words: "As Secretary you have discharged the duties of the office with credit to yourself and with honor and advantage to the Lodge. As Vice Grand you have supported your principal with diligent care, thus rendering his responsible duties more easy and pleasant. As Noble Grand you have presided with dignity, and although possessed of that firmness which ought always to be

a marked characteristic of every presiding officer, you have preserved order and promoted harmony, both in feeling and in action, more by the gentle means of influence and persuasion than by the exercise of the authority belonging to your official position. Your memory will remain long with us, and your career will be regarded as a pattern for our members and future officers, and one which, if imitated, must redound to their own credit and to the advantage of this Lodge and the Order in general. We likewise bear testimony that you are an Odd-Fellow not in name merely, which is valueless, but in spirit and in truth, which is a character deserving the love and esteem of all who know the meaning of Odd-Fellowship."

P. G. FROST was admitted a member of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1842. And during its annual session of that year he presented a petition, signed by himself and eight associates, for a charter for Oriental Lodge, No. 10, to be located in the city of Boston. Upon the institution of the Lodge he became its first Noble Grand. In November, 1844, he was at the head of a petition for Atlantic Lodge, No. 55, to be located in the town of his birth-place, Marblehead. He was the first Noble Grand of that Lodge, and made weekly pilgrimages to his native town to preside over its deliberations. Upon the institution of Oriental Lodge, there were but nine Lodges in Massachusetts, with a total membership of less than four hundred. The enactment by a bigoted legislature of penal statutes against secret societies had previously checked the growth of Odd-Fellowship in the New England States; but the interests of the Order were in the hands of men "whose onward course knew no retiring ebb," and all outward attempts to weaken it only nerved it with new strength. And it is to those men who stood in the gate of the past, and beckoned the future to advance, that our institution is indebted in no small degree for its present prosperity and renown. Of this type was Past Grand Representative Jos. B. FROST. The records of Massachusetts Odd-Fellowship recognize his faithful services, his constant and unwavering devotion, and earnest advocacy of every effort to strengthen and perpetuate the ever living principles of our association, in its infancy, manhood, and its golden maturity. True as steel in his friendships, faithful in the discharge of every duty, firm in his attachments, upright in his every act, with a warm heart overflowing with generous impulses, and thoroughly imbued with the great mission Odd-Fellowship was destined to occupy in the philanthropic movements of the age.

In the Patriarchal department of Odd-Fellowship his activity and usefulness was recognized and rewarded by an election as Grand Representative from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

His services in this body commenced at the session of 1843, and terminated at the communication of 1850 at Cincinnati.

During the short time he occupied a seat on this floor, he won the respect of his associates by his zeal and integrity in the discharge of every duty. As a representative in this Grand Body, while the interests and welfare of his State was ever present with him, his legislative acts were directed to the advancement of the greatest good of the entire fraternity. On the 19th day of September last, in the sixty-third year of an active life, after a distressing illness of nearly two years, he passed to his final rest. Supported by a devoted wife, and surrounded by loving and affectionate children, who were striving with filial affection to rob death of its terrors, pain of its anguish, his tired and exhausted frame mouldered with its kindred dust, and his enfranchised spirit returned to the God who gave it.

An intimate personal friendship of thirty years admitted me a frequent visitor to his bed side, and I mourn his departure with a sincere grief. As I looked upon his lifeless remains, memory with its busy throng of tender images traversed the shoreless sea of the past, and my soul exclaimed,

> O, it is life! departed days
> Fling back their radiance as I gaze."

Honored citizen, faithful Odd-Fellow, beloved husband, affectionate father, we consign thee with filial trust to his care and keeping, beneath whose protecting arm, and in whose loving kindness the weary and care-worn have ever found a refuge and a support.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: STODDARD JUDD, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, died at his residence in Fox Lake, Wisconsin, March 2d, 1873. The shock of corn, fully ripe, has been gathered in. It was a generous growth, and must well repay the husbandman. Nearly four score years when the Master called him, few of us remaining can hope to count so many years and so many noble, manly deeds done as he. An iron man—a strong character—firm almost to inflexibility, and yet his heart was tender as a child's, and joyously went out in sympathy to the needy and distressed, never so much as asking their creed or country.

He was an useful citizen—prominent in the affairs of State—doing with a noble purpose the herculean tasks which seemed to fall to his lot, and which his superior ability and his known integrity so eminently fitted him to discharge. Yet amid all his labors for the public, and the activities of a successful private life, resulting in honors conferred by the State and the accumulation of considerable wealth, he always found ample time for works of benevolence in the local Lodge, as well as in the State and National Grand Bodies. He was truly a remarkable man, and has fully certified it by his record of labor, which perhaps few now living can hope to equal. His rare unselfish devotion to the Order; his sterling integrity under many and frequent trials; his energy and activity, prolonged even to the "sere and yellow leaf of life," never flagging—never failing—either physically or mentally, until within a year of his death, are qualities worthy of admiration, and mark him as a strong character.

Like the gallant charger who has borne his rider bravely, victoriously through the battle, he sinks exhausted to the ground while the smoke of battle—a well-spent life—envelopes him with glory, and the results of victory move on in succeeding cycles to bless mankind, so will Bro. JUDD'S sterling acts and deeds live long in the memory of men and brothers, to guide and bless the living and those who may come after them.

Rep. SARGENT, of Maine, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: As one of the Representatives of Maine it becomes my duty to announce the death of NATH. F. DEARING, Past Grand Representative, who departed this life at Portland Maine, on the 9th day of May, 1873, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

Bro. DEARING became a member of Ligonia Lodge, of Portland, Maine, January 13th, 1844, by initiation; he became a member of Eastern Star Encampment, No. 2, April 10th, 1844. In the year 1845 he became a member of the Grand Lodge of Maine, and at the same session he was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States. In 1846 he was elected Grand Master, which office he held for two years. Upon retiring from said office he was again elected Grand Representative. In October 1845, he helped to form the Grand Encampment of Maine, being a charter member, and was elected Scribe at its first session, which office he held for four years. In 1852 he was elected Grand Patriarch, and in 1854 was again elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States from his Grand Encampment.

Although Bro. DEARING has held most of the offices in his jurisdiction, yet he never was an office-seeker; but possessing those rare business quali-

fications, he was ever sought for to fill places of honor and trust—and was ever found worthy to fill them. He was a constant attendant at the meetings of his Lodge and Encampment until age and the infirmities of life prevented him from so doing. His counsel and advice were always willingly given for the good of the Order and the community in which he lived, and he was ever ready to assist in every good work as opportunity offered. In the dark days of the Order in his State he was not discouraged; and when the camp-fires began to burn again he was not surprised, but took the matter as the result of understanding the true principles of our Order. He always lived a life as inculcated by the teachings of his beloved Order. He was strictly honest in all his dealings with his fellow-man, and true to his convictions of right, and faithful to his Heavenly Father. A loving husband and kind father, and an honest man, sadly we offer this slight tribute to his virtues and memory

Rep. SEHORN, of Tennessee, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: The jurisdiction of Tennessee mourns the loss of another of her jewels; one of her most prominent and zealous members; one remembered by many of this Grand Body. But his warm heart that throbbed for others woes has joined its kindred dust. JOHN F. HIDE, Past Grand Representative, departed this life at his home, in the city of Nashville, on the 21st of January, 1873. In the death of Bro. HIDE the jurisdiction of Tennessee lost one of her most devoted and earnest workers. He was ever ready with his counsel, advice and labor for the good of his fellow man. Both his Grand Lodge and Encampment conferred on him some of the highest offices in their gift, all of which he filled with honor and satisfaction to the Order in his jurisdiction, and great credit to himself. But his spirit has left this tent on earth and joined the Patriarchs above. We shall see him no more on earth for ever.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: 'Tis with feelings of the deepest sadness that I have to announce the death of RICHARD H. BARRY, who was a representative in this Grand Lodge from the jurisdiction of Tennessee for the sessions of 1853 and 1854.

I do not propose to consume the time of this body with extended remarks by way of eulogy of the deceased. The adoption of a memorial column in our Journal for the perpetuation of the names and memory of members of this body is most appropriate, and I only claim for Bro. BARRY the customary space in said column. I have not language to express the estimate which a long and intimate acquaintance has induced me to place upon the character of the deceased. To say that he was honest, or that he was true to every trust reposed in him, would not touch the bleeding hearts of friends who mourn his loss. To allege that he was a living exemplification of the principles and teachings of our Order, would not re-link the chain that has been rent assunder. Since futile would be the attempt to do our brother full justice, I can but exclaim,

"Come then expressive silence muse his praise."

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Again the voice of lamentation comes up from the District of Columbia; again the sables of woe drape the banner

and emblems in our jurisdiction, and with sadness we make the announcement that one who was truly "a Prince in our Israel" has fallen.

JOHN T. CLEMENTS, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, who departed this life November 8, 1872, was admitted by initiation into Washington Lodge, No. 6, January 26th, 1841, and at an early date passed the chairs and was admitted to the Grand Lodge, October 10th, 1842. After filling with credit many of the most honorable positions, he was elected Grand Master, November 14th, 1853, and again honored by being elected representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and in that capacity attended the sessions of 1859 and 1860. His early connection with the Order, his never ceasing attention to all its duties, whether in Grand or Subordinate Lodge, elicited the admiration of the brotherhood, while his manly, sterling qualities won the love of all intimately associated with him.

He was a true Odd-Fellow in the fullest sense of the word, and his loss has created a void which it will be difficult to fill. In our municipal affairs he filled many offices of trust and responsibility with great credit and unswerving fidelity. In the church his prominence was particularly marked; he was an exemplary christian. In his family relations he was a kind and indulgent parent, and a devoted husband.

With such a record, any man might be willing to close his earthly career and ask no better eulogy; but this is not all, as a pioneer of our Order he claimed a grateful remembrance. A life-time spent in its service—commencing in its comparative infancy—he helped in no small degree to develop its capabiliti and its resources, and bring it up to its present standard of excellence.

To these veterans we owe a greater debt than we can at this time estimate; they tilled the soil and sowed the seed from which we are now reaping the bountiful harvest; they have their reward, for it has been truly written—

> "O! blest is he, and ever blest,
> Who patient sows where others reap,
> And ever-ripening fields shall best
> His ever-growing memory keep."

Rep. DASHIELL, of Texas, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It becomes my duty to announce to this R. W. Grand Lodge the death of E. P. HUNT, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative of the jurisdiction of Texas, and for many years a member of this R. W. Grand Body.

Past Grand Representative HUNT, in the early days of Odd-Fellowship in Texas, devoted his every energy and his sedulous attention, with his large administrative capacity, to the interests of Odd-Fellowship. Its present great degree of prosperity in that jurisdiction is mainly attributable to his successful administration during the many years he officiated as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

As a man he was methodical and industrious in his habits, retiring but genial in his nature, winning the respect and regard of all who were brought into business relations with him, and commanding the firm and steadfast friendship of his associates.

In his death Odd-Fellowship loses an early and devoted member, and society a much valued citizen. Peace to his memory.

Upon the conclusion of the memorial addresses, the Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending at the time of the special order, when—

The hour of 12.30 having arrived, the Lodge receded from business until 2 o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when it resumed the consideration of the business pending at the time of recess, to wit: The report of the committee on the resolution of Rep. WHITE, of New York, page 5832, relative to visiting Lodges and Encampments, the amendment pending, and the point of order raised by Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, thereon, which point of order the Chair ruled to be well taken. The report was accordingly declared out of order.

The next report, page 5832, being from the Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship, was considered. The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved to fill the blank in the third resolution with the sum of $3000, which was agreed to.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, moved to amend further, as follows, which was agreed to.

Amend resolution second so as to read: "That Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Grand and Subordinate Encampments, as well as each and every individual member of the Order, be and they are hereby requested to furnish all information within their control for the use of the Historiographer, including books, papers, charts, records, &c., &c."

The question recurring on the report and resolutions as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, page 5834, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. BEHARRELL, page 5767, touching officers of Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the subject of entry of appeals in the minutes of subordinates, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5835, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, page 5767, relative to membership in Encampments after loss of membership in a Subordinate Lodge, was considered and adopted

The next report, page 5836, from the special committee on the resolution of Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, page 5768, relating to funeral ceremony, was considered and adopted

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution, By-Laws, &c., of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, Province of Quebec, was considered and adopted

The next report, page 5837, from the Judiciary Committee, on

the inquiry of Rep. HARMON, of California, page 5763, on the subject of benefits, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5839, from the Legislative Committee on the application of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of the German Empire, on the subject of visiting and withdrawal cards, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, moved to amend the resolution accompanying, in the fourth line, by inserting after the word "petition" the following words "in the German and English languages in double form," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report and resolution—

Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, moved to amend as follows:

Amend by inserting after the word "Empire," the words "and to be used only in Lodges in the German States."

The question now being on the amendment—

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, moved to indefinitely postpone the whole subject, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, it was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

On motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, it was recommitted to the committee.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments therein named, and also on the Constitution of Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, of Tallahassee, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5840, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, on the subject of uniform or regalia for public parade, was considered.

The question being on the motion to adopt—

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report in conformity with the resolution, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, in relation to the decisions of the Grand Sire at the last session, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5841, from tne Committee on Finance, on the books, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and also recommending the transfer of the balance of the Southern Relief Fund, now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, to the general fund, was considered.

The question being on the motion to adopt—

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

Amend by striking out all after the word "unappropriated," fourth line, second paragraph, and adding the following:

Resolved, That the balance of $402, in the hands of the R. W. Grand Treasurer of the "Southern Relief Fund," be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Odd-Fellows' Lodge in Shreveport, La., for the relief of the suffering Odd-Fellows and their families.

The question recurring on the report as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, relative to the suspension of the decisions of State Grand Bodies pending an appeal, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, the special order was now suspended temporarily, when—

On motion of Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That a secret session of this Grand Body be held at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. ESTEE, of California, moved that when this Grand Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening, which was adopted.

The Chair presented a bill of James Young's estate, against the Grand Lodge of the United States, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution, &c., of the Grand Encampment of Texas, will suggest that the "Constitution for Subordinate Encampments" be amended in the following particulars: Strike from Article II, Section 1, Clause 1, the words "under the Grand Lodge of Texas;" frome same article, clause 2d, strike out all after the word "ballots," seventh line, page 261, to the word "ballot," ninth line, page 262; amend clause 5th of the same article and section to conform to section 1107, page 240, White's Digest; strike from section 2, clause 1, the

word "shall" and insert "may;" amend the same article, secton 3, clause 3, so as to give members under charges at least two weeks after the report of the Committee on Charges; amend Article III, Section 1, Clause 1, first line, by inserting "Outside Sentinel and Inside Sentinel;" strike from Article II, Section 1, By-laws, page 255, fourth line, the words "for the space of two years." With the above suggestions we submit this report, and approve of said Constitution, &c.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
T. B. NEEDLES,
JAMES TURNER,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
J. D. TRAPP,
J. W. SARGENT,
WM. J. MILLER.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions feel constrained to call the attention of the proper officers of the several jurisdictions to the imperative necessity of forwarding to this Grand Lodge all amendments properly authenticated according to the requirements of clause 57, page 15, "White's Digest." Your committee must acknowledge that, during the present session, they have allowed slight deviations from the requirements of said clause. An apparent necessity appeared to warrant their action; but in order that such proceeding shall not be further allowed, the following resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That the attention of all jurisdictions is called to the above clause in the Digest.

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
WM. J. MILLER,
J. W. SARGENT,
J. D. TRAPP,
JAMES TURNER,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
T. B. NEEDLES.

Rep. ROSS, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah have duly considered the several subjects referred to them, and respectfully report:

The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio has furnished a detailed report of the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah in that jurisdiction, and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania a summary of the reports from the Lodges in that jurisdiction, and such information we present herewith in tabular form. In the letters from the Grand Secretaries of Tennessee and Texas we find no statistics. The Grand Secretary of the former State advises that five Lodges have been instituted in Tennessee, of which the two instituted during the last year are the only ones now working, the total membership being sixty.

The Grand Secretary of Texas writes that there are from six to ten Lodges now working in that jurisdiction.

	Lodges.	Members.	Brothers relieved.	Sisters relieved.	Widows relieved.	Orphans relieved.	Relief of Brothers.	Relief of Sisters.	Relief of Widows.
Pennsylvania...	71	1,816	6	46	13	3	$50 50	$360 29	$79 91
Ohio.....	87	3,038	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....

	Education of Orphans.	Burying the dead.	Total relief.	Receipts.	Assets.
Pennsylvania.....	$6 00	$20 00	$516 70	$4,774 69	$3,279 01
Ohio.....	.....	.....	.....	1,865 43	2,612 47

The returns from Pennsylvania are from thirty-one Lodges only.

It is a matter of regret that no more information in relation to this degree has been transmitted to this Grand Lodge, and believing that if a form for returns is prepared and transmitted to the several Grand Lodges, with the other blanks furnished by this Grand Lodge, we shall obtain such information as is desired by this body, we recommend that the Grand Secretary cause blank forms to be prepared. We submit the following for consideration:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to have printed blank forms for returns, in accordance with the form herewith presented, and forward two copies of the same annually to each Grand Secretary, with the blanks now furnished.

Resolved, That Grand Lodges, having Subordinate Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, under their jurisdiction, shall require such Lodges to report annually, on the thirty-first of December, the information necessary to complete the returns required by this Grand Lodge.

In relation to the resolution offered by Reps. RYAN and SCHWATKA, the committee offer the following:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to procure visiting cards for the use of sisters of the Rebekah Degree; that the same be printed in a neat manner, on paper similar to the visiting cards for brothers of the Order, and that they be furnished State jurisdictions at the same price as other visiting cards.

Resolved, That the resolution offered by Rep. SCHWATKA, in relation to furnishing jewels for Rebekah Degree Lodges, be not adopted.

H. W. BAKER,
L. BIXBY,
A. J. LANGWORTHY,
P. POND.

The undersigned, minority of the committee, concur in the above report, except the portion concerning visiting cards, and, believing no necessity exists for the same under the present work of the degree, offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution of Rep. RYAN, on page 5775 Journal, be not adopted.

THEO. A. ROSS,
A. O. H. P. SEHORN,
JOHN W. CARTER.

REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE of the .... of .... to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending December 31, 187.., concerning

Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah.

Number of Lodges.....
Number of Members.....
Degrees conferred on brothers.....
" " wives of brothers.....
" " widows of deceased brothers.....
Number of brothers relieved.....
" sisters relieved.....
" widows and families relieved.....
" orphans relieved.....
" brothers deceased.....
" sisters deceased.....
" orphans deceased.....

Amount paid for relief of brothers.....$
" " " sisters.....
" " " orphans.....
" " burying the dead.....

Total amount of relief.....$

Amount paid for expenses.....
Total amount of receipts.....
Total amount of assets.....

Rep. FOULK, of Delaware, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Petitions, to which was referred the application for a charter for a Grand Lodge for the Province of British Columbia, to be located at Victoria, after having given the matter a careful consideration, submit the following report:

Your committee find that in British Columbia there are four Lodges, numbering in all three hundred and sixty members in good standing; that a majority of the members of all the Lodges having signed the application for the charter, in all two hundred and eight, nineteen of whom are Past Grands, nearly all of the balance scarlet members, and in view of the fact that they are a considerable distance from the Grand Lodge of California, under whose jurisdiction they are at present, making it almost impossible for the officers of that Grand Body to visit and instruct; the committee, therefore, believing that it would be for the interest of the Order in that Province, would recommend the granting of a charter to the petitioners, on condition that they pay the expense of their representative in this Grand Body until they have the legal number of Lodges, namely, ten, would therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted for a Grand Lodge, to be called the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., to be held at Victoria, Province of British Columbia, on the above terms.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. H. FOULK,
J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
J. K. BUNDY,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
D. G. PALMER,
R. M. JOHNSON.

Rep. EDWARDS, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. WASHBURN, of Tennessee, as follows—"That after the first day of January, 1874, the terms of office in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall be twelve months instead of six months, as now provided by law"—have fully examined the same, and are fully of the opinion that the law, as it now stands, should remain in force without change. We would, therefore, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. EDWARDS,
E. J. HAMILTON,
M. E. WILCOX,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
HENRY F. GAREY,
W. RICHARDSON,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence have read with great pleasure the communication referred to them from Bro. OTTO SCHAETTLE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and fully appreciate the expressions of distinguished regard, affection and esteem therein mentioned for our venerable Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary. The letter breathes forth such genuine and noble sentiments for the growth, prosperity and onward march of our cherished Order as could only be expressed by a faithful, zealous and true Odd-Fellow. We beg to assure Bro. SCHAETTLE of our most sincere and fraternal regard and of the high satisfaction it will always give our Grand Lodge to receive the correspondence and brotherly greetings of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

The subject referred to your committee in the communication of the Rev. Bro. JAS. SHRIGLEY, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, is one of deep interest and commends itself to the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge, and in order to carry out the views of Bro. SHRIGLEY the committee recommend a compliance with his request, and append herewith a resolution for that purpose.

The correspondence of this Grand Lodge with the subordinate jurisdictions for the past year has been carefully examined, and is in all respects of the most gratifying character, showing the constantly increasing progress and elevated standing that our Order is maintaining all over the land. The correspondence has been of vast magnitude, and has been conducted with the usual promptness and distinguished ability so characteristic of our accomplished Grand Secretary. The entire correspondence is so satisfactory that your committee feel that but little room is left for them in which to make any comments of their own, except to express the warm and hearty thanks that are so eminently due to our most worthy and esteemed Bro. RIDGELY for the prudence, zeal and discretion with which he has so successfully managed the extensive correspondence of his laborious office. The committee propose for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to present to the Rev. JAMES SHRIGLEY, Librarian to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, a full set of the bound proceedings of this body, and a copy of the Digest of the Laws of the Order.

Respectfully submitted.

D. N. BARROWS,
W. W. MOORE,
LUTHER HOMES,
O. P. SMART,
FRED. SPECK,
A. L. SPEAR.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, on page 5826 Journal, have considered the same and report that the legislation asked for is inexpedient, as it interferes with the rights of a Subordinate Lodge to confer the Degree of Rebekah, if a Degree Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah has been organized by the members of the subordinate, or one is located in the vicinity. The general instructions on page six of the Rebekah Charge book recognizes the right of a subordinate to confer the degree, and we offer the following:

Resolved, That such legislation is inexpedient, and the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

THEO. A. ROSS,
JOHN W. CARTER,
A. O. H. P. SEHORN.

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns have examined the reports submitted to them, and submit the following as the result of their labors. The following we find to be correct, viz.:

GRAND LODGES.—Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Lower Provinces of British North America, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Cntario, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.—Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.—Excelsior, No. 1, Honolulu; Lima, No. 1, Lima, Peru, South America; Paradise, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Vermil-

lion, No. 3, Vermillion, Dakota Territory; Echo, No. 2, Fort Randall, Dakota Territory; Western Star, No. 4, Bozman, Montano Territory; St. Lawrence, No. 2, Montreal; Wurttemberg, No. 1, Stuttgart; Donau, No. 2, Ulm; Bavaria, No. 3, Bavaria; Alemania, No. 2, Dresden; Schiller, No. 2, Stuttgart; Germania, No. 1, Berlin; Borussia, No. 2, Berlin; Teutonia, No. 3, Lychen; Templar, No. 4, Berlin; Concordia, No. 5, Berlin; Humboldt, No. 6, Berlin; Pestalozzi, No. 2, Baden; Montana, No. 1, Helena, Montana Territory; Cottonwood, No. 2, Deer Lodge, Montana Territory; Bannack, No. 3, Bannack, Montana Territory.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.—Farnsworth, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia; Rocky Mountain, No. 1, Helena, Montana Territory; Colorado, No. 1, Central City; Denver, No. 2, Denver; Bald Mountain, No. 3, Nevada; Park, No. 4, Fair Play, Colorado; Hope, No. 2, Cheyenne; Wyoming, No. 3, Laramie City, Wyoming Territory; Ancilla, No. 2, Tallahassee, Florida; Eagle, No. 1, Helena; Arkansas, No. 2, Little Rock; Fort Smith, No. 3, Fort Smith; Walker, No. 5, Washington; Hooper, No. 6, Augusta; Jefferson, No. 7, Pine Bluff; Golden Rule, No. 8, Searcy, and Royal, No. 9, Batesville, Arkansas.

The following reports we find to be incorrect, in that they do not give a number of members which corresponds with the preceding returns:

GRAND LODGES.—Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Virginia.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.—Iowa, Nebraska, New Hampshire and Virginia.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.—Mount Royal, No. 1, Montreal; Saxonia, No. 1, Dresden, Saxony.

In looking over the reports, we regret to observe that, whilst the increase of membership in many jurisdictions has been large, yet that in the States of Maryland, Alabama, Louisiana, and in the District of Columbia, there has, during the past year, been a decrease. It is earnestly to be hoped that the spirit of Odd-Fellowship may be revived in these jurisdictions, and that they may soon recover the lost ground.

We would respectfully suggest that the *form* of reports now in use by the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments reporting directly to this Grand Lodge may be much improved.

We would further suggest that the statistics of each Subordinate Lodge or Encampment reporting to this Grand Lodge be published separately, so as to enable the committee to make the proper comparisons. The practice of the past has been to put all from the same Territory in gross.

We cannot omit calling attention in this report to the noble munificence and liberality exhibited by the report of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, at Honolulu. Standing as it does in the gateway of commerce, the demands upon it are frequent, and proportionate to its means, large. We find that, with a membership of only seventy-two on January 1, 1872, increased to seventy-eight on January 1, 1873, its receipts from its own members aggregate $1,448.33, of which $1,059.33 was for dues, and during the year we find that it expended for relief $1,079.25. A Lodge situated as this is, and showing such a faithful application of the principles of our Order, deserves at least the sympathy of, if not pecuniary aid from, the Order at large.

Respectfully submitted.

W. C. EARL,
J. D. HAMMOND,
ABRAH. MOULTON,
A. PURVIS,
W. P. WASHBURN,
GEO. B. HAMLIN,
B. J. F. HANNA.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Secretary's report relating to the condition of Odd-Fellowship in Idaho, Washington, Arizona and Wyoming Territories, respectfully report, that upon careful examination, it is found that the subject is one which requires legislation, and should therefore be in the hands of the Legislative Committee. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from further consideration of said subject, and that it be referred to the Legislative Committee. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
R. M. JOHNSON,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY,
T. G. PALMER.

Bro. ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, from the committee on the distribution of the Grand Sire's report, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the various subjects contained and referred to therein, would respectfully report:

That so much of the communication as relates to the preparation of a formal epistle, salutatory and fraternal, from the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as relates to the remission of all dues from subordinates in Europe, also that there be prepared a tariff of prices on supplies sold to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, at five per cent. above cost, to meet the expense of transportation, &c., be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as relates to the recommendation of the Grand Sire, that proper measures be taken for the organization of a Grand Lodge for Switzerland, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to such a modification of the terms of the charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia as shall place it on a footing with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, so that all local subjects touching membership, &c., may be remitted to its own regulation, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That so much as relates to the jurisdiction of Grand Bodies over contiguous subordinates be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire during the recess be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to warrants issued during the recess be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as refers to schools and asylums be referred to the Committee on Education.

That so much as refers to the office of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee of Finance.

That so much as refers to the History of Odd-Fellowship be referred to the Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship.

That so much as refers to the Library of the Grand Lodge of the United States be referred to the Committee on Education.

That so much as refers to the Mutual Aid Association be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as refers to dropping for non-payment of dues be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
J. P. SANDERS,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
FRED. D. STUART.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary as refers to the condition of the Order in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, Washington, Arizona and Wyoming, and of the Grand Lodge of California, as set forth in the resolution of Rep. NOLTNER, of Oregon, beg leave to report, that the subject is one of great importance, and requires prompt but judicious and careful attention at your hands. At the session of 1861, page 3381 of the Journal, when but one Subordinate Lodge existed in Washington Territory, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Subordinate Lodges within the Territory of Washington be attached to and made subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and that the Grand Lodge of Oregon have full jurisdiction over the Territory of Washington."

Since that time the Grand Lodge of Oregon has assumed entire control over the Territory of Washington, not only in the way of supervision, but to the extent of receiving applications for new Lodges, and issuing dispensations and charters to as many as six. In addition, such Lodges have been treated as integral parts of the jurisdiction of Oregon, in the same manner and to the same extent as the Lodges in Oregon.

At the session of 1863, page 3575 of the Journal, jurisdiction was in like manner conferred upon the Grand Encampment of California over the Subordinate Encampments of Nevada and Oregon, and California has issued charters forming new Subordinate Encampments in both of these jurisdictions, and have held their members to belong to the Order in California.

At the session of 1863, on page 3578 of the Journal, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Territory of Idaho be and is hereby attached to the jurisdiction of Oregon, and that the R. W. Grand Lodge of said State be and the same is authorized to exercise jurisdiction over the same."

At that time no Lodges existed in Idaho, but under this resolution the jurisdiction of Oregon has in like manner, as in the case of Washington Territory, granted charters to six Lodges in the Territory of Idaho.

At first glance it will be seen that this action of these Grand Bodies was not warranted by the Constitution and Laws of the Order. Article 1, section 7, of our Constitution reads thus: "Section 7. To this Grand Lodge belongs the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges and En-

campments in such countries, domestic or foreign, as are without Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments."

The resolutions giving jurisdiction to those Grand Bodies were simply intended to grant a supervisory power, and not to confer the power to create Lodges or Encampments, much less to allow them to become subordinates to those jurisdictions.

It is true that the resolutions of the Grand Lodge, especially that regarding Washington Territory, was carelessly drawn and might very easily be construed to mean all that was assumed under its authority by the Grand Lodge of Oregon; yet it must be interpreted by the Constitution, which is the supreme law, and could not and cannot confer the power exercised.

At the session of 1868, page 5345 of the Journal, a resolution was also adopted placing the Lodges in Wyoming Territory under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Colorado.

Under this resolution Colorado has proceeded in like manner as did Oregon to establish Lodges, and has actually granted charters to five Lodges in Wyoming, and has merged them among their subordinates as part of their own jurisdiction.

The statement made as to the mistake committed by the Grand Lodge of Oregon, applies equally to this case. Such action was never warranted by the resolution, which simply gave the right of supervision to the Grand Lodge of Colorado. At the session of 1866, a like resolution gave jurisdiction over the Territory of Utah.

Acting under the authority presumed to be granted by this resolution, the Grand Lodge of Nevada has assumed entire and exclusive control over the two Lodges located in Utah.

We are gratified to state that, although unlawful, the action of these jurisdictions have been eminently successful in the spread of the Order.

Acting in the spirit of our principles, and full of zeal and energy, they have formed a basis for enduring success in those new fields of labor; and although they have collected and used the moneys paid in by these subordinates, they have at the same time expended more of their own means than they have received, as well as their personal efforts and attendance, without which such sudden and happy results might have been looked for in vain.

No censure can apply to either of these State Jurisdictions, but to the contrary, we see everything to praise. Yet, at the same time, the law must be applied and those new Lodges and Encampments be lawfully established under the provisions of our supreme law.

In this connection, we hope that the proper committee will report such action as will at once, or as soon as may be, constitute the Lodges in Washington, Idaho and Wyoming into Grand Lodges of those Territories. We report the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the acts of certain Grand Jurisdictions, in constituting and granting charters to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, outside of their own territories, were not warranted by any law of the Order.

Resolved, That the acts of the Grand Lodges of Oregon and Colorado, in constituting Lodges in the Territories of Washington, Wyoming and Idaho, and also the acts of the Grand Encampment of California, in constituting Encampments in Oregon, including the receipt of returns and money from the same, are hereby sanctioned as *de facto*, and as such are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary is hereby authorized to issue charters to all such Lodges and Encampments as may now be working under charters granted by the jurisdictions mentioned in the aforegoing resolution, without the usual charge for the same.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Colorado and Nevada, and the Grand Encampment of

California, for the zeal and energy exhibited in the supervision of the Order in the State and Territories heretofore mentioned.

HENRY F. GAREY,
SEATON GALES,
E. J. HAMILTON,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
M. E. WILCOX,
W. RICHARDSON,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
GEO. EDWARDS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary as suggests some necessary legislation for carrying out the provisions of article 10 of the By-Laws, as amended at session of 1871, Journal 5158, 5215, 5218, would beg leave to report:

That the failure of State Grand Bodies to pass such laws as may be necessary to enable them to make their annual report and return on or before the first day of April in each year, is a fruitful source of trouble to the R. W. Grand Secretary, and interferes very materially with the operations of the system of returns so necessary for the proper working of the Order. In addition thereto, many of the jurisdictions have failed to require the returns from their subordinates, made necessary by the new regulation referred to. We therefore report the following for your adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Bodies, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, are hereby required, as soon as may be, to make such laws and regulations as may enable them to collect from their subordinates the full returns required by the By-Laws referred to, and as may be necessary to ensure the annual return to the office of the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of April in every year.

HENRY F. GAREY,
SEATON GALES,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
E. J. HAMILTON,
GEO. EDWARDS,
M. E. WILCOX,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS,
W. RICHARDSON.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, to whom was recommitted their report on the appeal of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, of Kentucky, made the following report under instruction, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report the following in the matter of the appeal of the Representatives of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, of Kentucky, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of that State in the case of Bro. W. B. CASEY, deceased:

The facts in the case, as reported to us, are substantially these: W. B. CASEY was a member in good standing of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2,

of Kentucky. He died after an illness of ten days. During his sickness, being a member of a religious organization, the rules of which required him, before he could be the recipient of its last rites, to renounce Odd-Fellowship, he made this renunciation "in the presence of and with the consent of his family; hence his sickness was not reported to the Lodge." His family also objecting to his burial by the Order, their wishes in this regard were complied with.

The Lodge deciding that his family were entitled to funeral benefits, Bro. D. E. CONSTANCE, P. G., appealed to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction, who reversed the action of the Lodge. The following is the Grand Master's language in his report of the case to the Grand Lodge:

"I decided that the Lodge ought not to pay funeral benefits, nor regard his widow and orphans as beneficiaries. In rendering this decision, I was fully cognizant of the action of the G. L. U. S., as shown in Section 1203½, and am fully persuaded that there is no conflict therewith. Assuredly, it is not to be announced as fixed law that this Order is committed to the care and support of those who have approved the voluntary renunciation of Odd-Fellowship by a former member, and who have refused permission to the Order to bury him. Particularly would the enunciation of such a law be unwise, and establish a dangerous precedent in a case like this, where death had interposed to prevent the preferring of charges against a member for the violation of his obligations."

The Grand Lodge, in acting on the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, adopted as follows, viz.:

Representative JOHN F. FISK, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report on that part of the Grand Master's report relative to the case of Bro. CASEY, of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, who renounced the Order before his death:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, make the following report upon decision No. 15 contained therein:

Section 1203½, on page 263 of White's Digest of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, says "that a renunciation of Odd-Fellowship has *no effect* whatever upon his membership or standing in his Lodge."

If this be the law, then W. B. CASEY, at his death, was a member of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, in good standing, and because of that fact his widow was entitled to funeral benefits, and not being a member of the Lodge, she cannot be deprived of the funeral benefit by preferring to have her husband buried according to the rites of the church to which he reattached himself just at the period of his death as affirmed by others, and of which he gave the Lodge no notice.

It is the duty of the Order to bury members who at their death are in good standing, but we know no law which works a forfeiture of benefits if the widow absolves by her act the Order from a discharge of this duty, or indeed makes its performance impossible.

Your committee therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge decide that Mrs. CASEY is entitled, as the widow of W. B. CASEY, deceased, to funeral benefits, but at the same time we recommend that a statement of this case be made to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in order that it may have an opportunity to re-examine the justness of the principles upon which we have been compelled to differ with the decision of the Grand Master.

Which report, on motion, was adopted.

APPEAL TO THE GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Rep. C. WOLFORD presented the following request for the privilege of an appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States *vs.* the action of this Grand

Lodge in the case of W. B. CASEY, deceased, who before his death renounced the Order:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Kentucky:

The undersigned, delegates from Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, most respectfully ask to appeal from the decision of this Grand Body to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the case of W. B. CASEY, deceased.

Respectfully,

CHARLES WOLFORD,
JNO. B. SARLES,
A. W. RANDOLPH,
CHAS. J. BOUCHE,
W. B. ROGERS.

The permission asked for was granted.

Your committee are of the opinion that the renunciation of the said CASEY was not the resignation of membership in the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows contemplated by the laws of the Order thereunto relating.

The manner by which a brother may sever his connection with the Order is prescribed in section 1922, Digest Grand Lodge of the United States, viz., by written resignation addressed to his Lodge, and this would be conclusively applicable to the case in question, even did not section 1203½ of same Digest, referred to by the appellants, apply directly thereto.

No renunciation of a brother, to a party not concerned in the contract between himself and the Order, could, by any rational construction, be considered the resignation contemplated, neither could the influence of third parties brought to bear in bringing about this renunciation, however unworthy or mistaken, absolve our Order from the execution of its plighted faith. Your committee, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in the appeal of Bro. D. E. CONSTANCE, Past Grand, from the action of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, be sustained,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,
NATHAN PORTER,
J. L. MILTON,
ALF. D. JONES,
ROBERT LEBBY,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
JAMES WOODYATT,
AARON B. CRANE,
GEO. DAMON.

Rep. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, with accompanying tabular statement, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith submit tabular statement of mileage and per diem which Officers and Representatives are entitled to receive, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the present session, and offer the following:

Resolved, That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative is hereby ordered to be paid.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. F. HAVENNER,
CHAS. H. RANDALL,
W. Y. MONROE,
HERRERT E. DODGE,
N. S. GREENLEAF.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
C. A. Logan, M. W. G. Sire.....	Physician.....	.....	Kansas	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
M. J. Durham, R. W. D. G. Sire...	Lawyer	Danville.....	Kentucky	725	7	$ 72 50	$42 00	$114 50
Jas. L. Ridgely, R. W. G. C. & R. Sec.	Farmer	Baltimore	Maryland.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
Joshua Vansant, R. W. G. Treas..	Mayor	Baltimore	Maryland.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
J. W. Venable, R. W. G. Chaplain.	Clergyman	Versailles	Kentucky	704	7	70 40	42 00	112 40
Caleb Rand, R. W. G. Marshal....	Printer	Charlestown..	Massachusetts.	420	7	42 00	42 00	84 00
Albert Cohen, R. W. G. Guardian..	Jeweller.....	Little Rock...	Arkansas	1276	7	127 60	42 00	169 60
Jno. W. Hudson, R. W. G. Mess...	Manufacturer.....	Madison.....	Wisconsin.....	935	7	93 50	42 00	135 50
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Alexander, J. F.....	Lawyer	Greenville....	Illinois.....	880	7	88 00	42 00	130 00
Baker, H. W.....	Bank Clerk.....	Seaford	Delaware.....	154	7	15 40	42 00	57 40
Baker, J. H.....	Physician.....	Tarboro.....	N. Carolina...	330	7	33 00	42 00	75 00
Barber, L. K.....	Lawyer	Woodville.....	Mississippi....	1262	7	126 20	42 00	168 20
Barrows, D. N.....	Lawyer	Jackson.....	Mississippi....	1133	7	113 30	42 00	155 30
Beall, Peter.....	Insurance Sec'y...	Covington	Kentucky	589	7	58 90	42 00	100 90
Beharrell, T. G.....	Clergyman	Princeton	Indiana	805	7	80 50	42 00	122 50
Bixby, Luther.....	Druggist	Owatonna....	Minnesota.....	1280	7	128 00	42 00	170 00
Brugman, Peter.....	Dentist	Little Rock...	Arkansas	1276	7	127 60	42 00	169 60

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	TOTAL.
Bundy, J. K.	Artist	New Haven	Connecticut	262	7	$26 20	$42 00	$68 20
Carter, J. W.	Magistrate	Cincinnati	Ohio	588	7	58 80	42 00	100 80
Clark, Henry	Editor	Rutland	Vermont	426	3	42 60	18 00	60 60
Cline, D. A.	Photographer	Lincoln	Nebraska	1310	7	131 00	42 00	173 00
Cox, E. G.	Physician	Baltimore.	Maryland	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Crane, A. B.	Mechanic	Newark	New Jersey	177	7	17 70	42 00	59 70
Curry, W. T.	State Insur'ce Agt.	Harrodsburg	Kentucky	723	7	72 30	42 00	114 30
Damon, George	Merchant	Tallahassee	Florida	1070	7	107 00	42 00	149 00
Darnell, Peter.	Millwright	W. Columbia.	W. Virginia	Absent.	....	.....	.....	.....
Dashiell, J. Y.	Editor	San Antoine	Texas	2113	7	211 30	42 00	253 30
De Wolf, W. H.	Lawyer.	Vincennes	Indiana	781	6	78 10	36 00	114 10
Dodge, H. E	Dyer	Providence	Rhode Island	374	7	37 40	42 00	79 40
Dowden, M. S.	Stew'd 1st Ky.L.A.	Lexington	Kentucky	688	7	68 80	42 00	110 80
Driscol, John F.	Grand Secretary	Providence	Rhode Island.	374	7	37 40	42 00	79 40
Dyer, H. R.	Merchant	Rutland	Vermont	426	7	42 60	42 00	84 60
Earl, W. C.	Grand Secretary	Toledo	Ohio	621	7	62 10	42 00	104 10
Edwards, George	Merchant	Moundsville	W. Virginia	368	7	36 80	42 00	78 80
Empie, Levi	Merchant	Burlingame	Kansas	1310	7	131 00	42 00	173 00
Estee, M. M.	Lawyer	San Francisco.	California	3206	7	320 60	42 00	362 60
Fitzhugh, E. H.	Judge	Richmond	Virginia	170	7	17 00	42 00	59 00

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Foulk, W. H.	Builder	Wilmington	Delaware	70	7	$7 00	42 00	$49 00
Fuhrmann, H. C.	Manufacturer	Winona	Minnesota	1190	7	119 00	42 00	161 00
Gales, Seaton	Sec'y Insur. Co.	Raleigh	N. Carolina	354	7	35 40	42 00	77 40
Garey, H. F.	Judge	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Gibson, John	Baker	Stratford	Ontario	533	7	53 30	42 00	95 30
Given, John T.	Merchant	Washington	Dist. Columbia	40	7	4 00	42 00	46 00
Glenn, L. J.	Lawyer	Atlanta	Georgia	810	7	81 00	42 00	123 00
Gow, James L.	Printer	Augusta	Georgia	639	7	63 90	42 00	105 90
Greenleaf, N. S.	Manufacturer	Lowell	Massachusetts	446	7	44 60	42 00	86 60
Hamilton, E. J.	Merchant	New York	New York	186	7	18 60	42 00	60 60
Hamlin, J.	Hotel-keeper	Nebraska City	Nebraska	1253	7	125 30	42 00	167 30
Hamlin, G. B.	Printer	E. Cambridge	Massachusetts	420	7	42 00	42 00	84 00
Hammond, J. D.	Clergyman	Carson	Nevada	2929	7	292 90	42 00	334 90
Hanna, B. J. F.	Editor	Salina	Kansas	1399	5	139 90	30 00	169 90
Harcourt, J. T.	Lawyer	Columbus	Texas	1940	7	194 00	42 00	236 00
Harmon, J. B.	Lawyer	San Francisco	California	3206	7	320 60	42 00	362 60
Hartshorn, James F.	Shoe Cutter	Portsmouth	New Hamps'e	474	7	47 40	42 00	89 40
Harris, Israel	Cashier	Belvidere	New Jersey	193	7	19 30	42 00	61 30
Hartman, E. W.	Lawyer	Indianolo	Iowa	1205	7	120 50	42 00	162 50
Havenner, John F.	Baker	Washington	Dist. Columbia	40	7	4 00	42 00	46 00

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273 NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Hickok, C. N	Dentist	Bedford	Pennsylvania	225	7	$ 23 50	$42 00	$ 65 50
Homes, Luther	Blacksmith	New Orleans	Louisiana	1316	7	131 60	42 00	173 60
Jay, John H	Judge	Kit Carson	Colorado	1704	7	170 40	42 00	212 40
Jackson, J. A	Farmer	Lake City	Minnesota	1235	7	123 50	42 00	165 50
Johnson, R. M	Lawyer	Fort Smith	Arkansas	1451	7	145 10	42 00	187 10
Jones, Amos	Builder	Lebanon	N. Hampshire	558	7	55 80	42 00	97 80
Jones, A. D	Real Estate Dealer	Omaha	Nebraska	1296	7	129 60	42 00	171 60
Lamberton, R. A	Lawyer	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	85	7	8 50	42 00	50 50
Langworthy, A. J	Mechanic	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	890	7	89 00	42 00	131 00
Latham, Hugh	Clerk	Alexandria	Virginia	47	7	4 70	42 00	46 70
Leech, Erie J	Lawyer	Keokuk	Iowa	1052	7	105 20	42 00	147 20
Lebby, Robert	Physician	Charleston	S. Carolina	627	7	62 70	42 00	104 70
Libby, M. C	Merchant	St. Louis	Missouri	931	7	93 10	42 00	135 10
Lindenberg, Henry	Editor	Columbus	Ohio	468	7	46 80	42 00	88 80
Lindsley, M. P	Land Agency	Green Bay	Wisconsin	1044	7	104 40	42 00	146 40
Madden, W	Undertaker	Troy	New York	336	7	33 60	42 00	75 60
Mansur, C. H	Lawyer	Chillicothe	Missouri	1157	7	115 70	42 00	157 70
Maris, Joshua	Lawyer	Wilmington	Delaware	70	7	7 00	42 00	49 00
Medole, John	Printer	New York	New York	186	7	18 60	42 00	60 60
McCraney, Orlando	Land Dealer	McGregor	Iowa	1024	7	102 40	42 00	144 40

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem	TOTAL.
McKinstry, Alex	Lieut. Governor	Mobile	Alabama	1176	7	$117 60	$42 00	$159 60
McLean, Wm. R	Printer	Washington	Dist.Columbia	40	7	4 00	42 00	46 00
McQuiddy, John W	Sec'y I.O.O.F. R.A.	Indianapolis	Indiana	703	7	70 30	42 00	112 30
Miller, William J	Superintendent	Bristol	Rhode Island.	386	7	38 60	42 00	80 60
Milton, J. L	Dentist	Grenada	Mississippi	1154	7	115 40	42 00	157 40
Moore, W. W	Merchant	Des Moines	Iowa	1184	7	118 40	42 00	160 40
Monroe, W. Y	Clergyman	Madison	Indiana	685	7	68 50	42 00	110 50
Moulton, Alvah	Merchant	Dover	New Hamps'e	488	7	48 80	42 00	90 80
Nealley, J. B	Lawyer	So'th Berwick	Maine	494	7	49 40	42 00	91 40
Needles, T. B	Clerk of Court	Nashville	Illinois	977	7	97 70	42 00	139 70
Newell, William A	Physician	Allentown	New Jersey	150	6	15 00	36 00	51 00
Newell, Charles A	Real Estate Broker	Middletown	Connecticut	285	7	28 50	42 00	70 50
Noltner, A	Printer	Oregon City	Oregon	3895	7	389 50	42 00	431 50
Nungesser, George	Restaurant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1316	7	131 60	42 00	173 60
Olney, George H	Col. Int. Revenue.	Hope Valley	Rhode Island	348	7	34 80	42 00	76 80
Palmer, D. G	Insurance Agent	Jackson	Michigan	754	7	75 40	42 00	117 40
Phelps, A. W	Mail Agent	New Haven	Connecticut	262	7	26 20	42 00	68 20
Porter, Nathan	Lawyer	San Francisco	California	3206	7	320 60	42 00	362 60
Porter, T. C	Merchant	Boston	Massachusetts	420	7	42 00	42 00	84 00
Pond, Philip	Insurance Agent	New Haven	Connecticut	262	7	26 20	42 00	68 20

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Price, J. M	Merchant	E. Cambridge.	Massachusetts	420	7	$42 00	$42 00	$84 00
Purves, Adam	Merchant	St. Catherines.	Ontario	432	7	43 20	42 00	85 20
Randall, Charles H	Editor	Sonora	California	3187	7	318 70	42 00	360 70
Rankin, F. H	Editor.	Flint	Michigan	743	7	74 30	42 00	116 30
Ratliff, J. W	Postmaster	Bald Mountain	Colorado	1896	6	189 60	36 00	225 60
Rawlings, Charles H	Bookbinder	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Read, J. N	Carpenter	Woodford	Maine	535	7	53 50	42 00	95 50
Reeves, Wheeler	Merchant	Wellsberg	West Virginia	Absent.	....	.....	.....	.....
Rich, C. H	Clerk	Portland	Maine	531	7	53 10	42 00	95 10
Richardson, W	Editor	Galveston	Texas	1940	7	194 00	42 00	236 00
Robinson, Jacob H	Receiver of Taxes.	Lynchburg	Virginia	218	5	21 80	30 00	51 80
Ross, Theodore A	Bookkeeper	Newark	New Jersey	177	7	17 70	42 00	59 70
Ryan, Jr., Samuel	Editor	Appleton	Wisconsin	1014	7	101 40	42 00	143 40
Sargent, J. W	Undertaker	Kennebunk	Maine	510	7	51 00	42 00	93 00
Schwatka, F. G	Cooper	Salem	Oregon	3932	7	393 20	42 00	435 20
Sehorn, A. O. H. P	Watchmaker	Murfreesboro	Tennessee	783	7	78 30	42 00	120 30
Shields, W. A	Printer	Mobile	Alabama	1176	7	117 60	42 00	159 60
Shipley, E. R	Editor	Springfield	Missouri	1173	7	117 30	42 00	159 30
Sides, Isaac	Physician	Colon	Michigan	819	7	81 90	42 00	123 90
Silber, Louis	Merchant	Wampun	Wisconsin	915	7	95 00	42 00	137 00

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR P. O.	STATE.	Miles traveled.	Days in attendance.	Mileage.	Per diem.	TOTAL.
Simpson, J. A.	Lawyer	West Phila.	Pennsylvania.	103	7	$ 10 30	$42 00	$ 52 30
Smart, O. P.	Postal Clerk	Nashua	N. Hampshire.	460	7	46 00	42 00	88 00
Smith, J. C.	U S. Rev. Service.	Galena	Illinois.	981	7	98 10	42 00	140 10
Spear, A. L.	Jeweler	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	7	.....	42 00	42 00
Speck, Fred	Physician	Wyandotte	Kansas	1216	7	121 60	42 00	163 60
Stokes, Jno. W.	Lawyer	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania.	101	7	10 10	42 00	52 10
Ticknor, Jas. S.	Express Supt.	Rockford	Illinois.	893	7	89 30	42 00	131 30
Tillotson, L. C.	Carriage Maker	Hillsdale	Michigan.	775	7	77 50	42 00	119 50
Tompkins, John R.	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama.	1176	7	117 60	42 00	159 60
Trapp, Jos. D.	Publisher.	Lexington	Kentucky	688	7	68 80	42 00	110 80
Turner, Jas.	Citizen	Dayton	Ohio	539	7	53 90	42 00	95 90
Tyson, John S.	R. R. Officer.	Savannah	Georgia	718	7	71 80	42 00	113 80
Washburn, W. P.	Lawyer	Knoxville	Tennessee	552	7	55 20	42 00	97 20
White, Martin.	Lawyer	Virginia City.	Nevada	2929	7	292 90	42 00	334 90
White, J. H.	Lawyer	Albion	New York	474	7	47 40	42 00	89 40
Wilcox, M. E.	Farmer.	St. Bethlehem.	Tennessee	872	7	87 20	42 00	129 20
Wilson, W. C.	Merchant	New Orleans.	Louisiana	1316	7	131 60	42 00	173 60
Woodward, W. H.	Printer	St. Louis.	Missouri.	931	7	93 10	42 00	135 10
Woodyatt, Jas.	Town Clerk	Brantford	Ontario	500	7	50 00	42 00	92 00
Yorston, Jas.	Merchant.	Pictou.	Nova Scotia.	1080	7	108 00	42 00	150 60
Grand Total.	.....	.....	.....	114,720	....	$11,472 00	$5478 00	$16,950 00

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the special order, viz., the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The next report, page 5842, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. GIVEN, of District of Columbia, on the subject of Past High Priests, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5843, from the same committee, on the "Sunday law," was considered, and the minority report, same page, in connection.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved the adoption of the majority report.

Rep. ESTEE, of California, moved to amend by the adoption of the minority report.

The question being on the adoption of the minority report—

Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the motion to adopt the minority report, pending the consideration of which the hour fixed for adjournment, viz., four o'clock, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until seven o'clock this evening.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge reassembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, M. J. DURHAM, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of jurisdictions.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire having examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Whereupon the Lodge resumed the special order pending at the time of adjournment, viz., the motion of Rep. ESTEE, of California, to adopt the minority report on the "Sunday law," which being under consideration, was, on motion, temporarily postponed.

On motion of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

On motion of Rep. SILBER, of Wisconsin, the exemplification of the secret work was made the special order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. WOODWARD, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing beg leave to make the following report: This Grand Lodge, at its last session, by an amendment to its By-Laws, created a standing committee, consisting of seven members, entitled the "Committee on Printing," to which has been referred all matters formerly attended to by the Committee on Printing.

The further existence of this committee being unnecessary, the undersigned respectfully ask leave to be discharged, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee known as the Committee on Printing be and is hereby stricken from the list of Standing Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WOODWARD,
JOHN A. JACKSON,
C. H. RAWLINGS,
W. A. SHIELDS,
J. S. TYSON.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 19, 1873—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

M. J. DURHAM.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding.
JNO. W. STOKES.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
ALBERT COHEN.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

WILLIAM ELLISON.....Massachusetts.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
FRED. D. STUART.....District of Columbia.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, the Lodge suspended the special order to take up the report of the committee on the distribution of the Grand Sire's report, page 5886 which was considered and adopted.

The Lodge now resumed the consideration of the motion of Rep. ESTEE, of California, to amend the motion of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, "to adopt the report of the majority of the Legislative Committee, on the subject of the Sunday law," by striking out the word "majority" and inserting "minority," and on the question, "Will the Lodge agree so to amend?"

Rep. GREENLEAF moved to amend the amendment by substituting for the resolution accompanying the report of the majority of the committee, the following, to wit:

Resolved, That the times and places for holding meetings of Subordinate Lodges may hereafter be prescribed by the Grand Lodges of the several jurisdictions.

On the question, "Will the Lodge agree so to amend?"

Rep. ESTEE, of California, on leave given, accepted the proposition of Rep. GREENLEAF, of Massachusetts.

The question now being, "Will the Lodge agree to amend the report of the majority of the committee by substituting the above resolution?"

The previous question was called by Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge agree to amend as proposed by Rep. GREENLEAF, of Massachusetts, accepted by Rep. ESTEE, of California?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays were demanded and appeared as follows:

Yeas.—Reps. Barber, Barrows, Brugman, Cline, Damon, Dashiell, Dodge, Driscol, Dyer, Empie, Estee, Greenleaf, Hamilton, Hamlin of Massachusetts, Hammond, Harcourt, Harmon, Hartshorn, Havenner, Homes, Jay, Johnson, Jones of Nebraska, Langworthy, Lebby, Madden, Medole, McLean, Miller, Milton, Moore, Nungesser, (2 votes,) Porter of California, Porter of Massachusetts, Price, Randall, Rankin, Richardson, Shields, Silber, Tyson, White of Nevada, White of New York—44.

Nays.—Reps. Alexander, Baker of Delaware, Baker of North Carolina, Beall, Beharrell, Bixby, Bundy, Carter, (2 votes,) Clark, Cox, Crane, Curry, DeWolf, Dowden, Earl, Edwards, Fitzhugh, Foulk, Fuhrmann, Gales, Garey, Gibson, Given, Glenn, Gow, Hamlin of Nebraska, Hanna, Harris, Hartman, Hickok, Jackson, Jones of New Hampshire, Lamberton, Latham, Leech, Libby, Lindsley, Mansur, Maris, McCraney, McKinstry, (2 votes,) McQuiddy, Monroe, Moulton, Nealley, Needles, Newell of New Jersey, Newell of Connecticut, Noltner, Olney, Palmer, Phelps, Pond, Purves, Rawlings, Read, Rich, Robinson, Ross, Ryan, Sargent, Schwatka, Sehorn, Shipley, Sides, Simpson, Smart, Smith, Spear, Speck, Stokes, Ticknor, Tillotson, Trapp, Turner, Washburn, Wilcox, Woodward, Woodyatt, Yorston—82.

The question now recurring on the motion of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, "to adopt the report of the majority of the committee," it was resolved in the affirmative.

The time having arrived for holding a secret session, pursuant to special order, the Lodge now resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when, on motion of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, the special order for considering reports in the order in which they appear on the Journal was unanimously suspended, when—

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, that rule of order eight of this Grand Lodge be stricken out, the same being in conflict with Article III, Section 1, of the Constition, have examined the same, and find the Constitution prescribes the installation of officers at the conclusion of a stated communication. Rule of Order, No. 8, provides the installation of officers immediately after the reports of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Being in conflict with the Constitution, we recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That rule of order eight be stricken out.

E. J. HAMILTON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
GEO. EDWARDS,
M. E. WILCOX,
W. RICHARDSON,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred back the report and resolutions on page 5839 Journal, have reconsidered the same, and would respectfully report:

That the work (excepting the cards) has been translated into and now used in the German language. Your committee cannot see any impropriety in their using cards in the same language.

Your committee would call the attention of the Grand Body to the fact that the symbolic characters of our Order, I. O. O. F., are used in the German Empire U. O. S. B., and are prominent on the headings of their official communications.

This committee is informed that there is in existence a society in this country whose initials would indicate the same as now used in the German Empire on their official paper, U. O. S. B.; and believing the emblematic initial of our Order, I. O. O. F., should be used on the official paper of this Order, that there can be no identity with other societies, would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the application to print and issue visiting and withdrawal cards in the German language, to be issued exclusively by the Grand Lodge

of the German Empire, be granted; said cards to be printed only on the backs of our visiting and withdrawal cards, in accordance with the form submitted with the petition, except that the initials I. O. O. F., being emblematical characters of the Order, be substituted in place of U. O. S. B.

E. J. HAMILTON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
M. E. WILCOX,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W. RICHARDSON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, "That when a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment severs his membership by written resignation, after the payment of all dues, and there being no charges or complaints against him, that the Secretary of such Subordinate Lodge, or Scribe of such Encampment, shall, upon application, issue a certificate of such fact under the seal of said body," have considered the same, and believe the present law, as to granting cards and certificates to suspended or dropped members, fully meets all the requirements necessary to regain membership, if desired, and would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. J. HAMILTON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
GEORGE EDWARDS,
M. E. WILCOX,
W. RICHARDSON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. NEALLEY, of Maine, "That the Legislative Committee inquire into the expediency of allowing by law State Grand Bodies, in granting new charters, to take the number of any extinct Lodge or Encampment in their jurisdiction that has remained extinct more than fifteen years, and report by bill or otherwise," have considered the same, and find that to change the present law would work injuriously in some jurisdictions, and no evils having resulted from the law as it now exists, would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. J. HAMILTON,
HENRY F. GAREY,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
M. E. WILCOX,
GEO. EDWARDS,
W. RICHARDSON,
JNO. R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. WILCOX, of Tennessee, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Commmittee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, on page 5784 Journal, submit the following report:

After having duly considered the matter embraced in said resolution, and in view of the fact that it is proposed that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin shall bear all the cost attendant upon the translation of rituals for Subordinate Lodges into the Norwegian language, and submit the same for the ratification of this Grand Lodge, we recommend for your consideration and approval the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Illinois be and are hereby permitted to procure a translation of the rituals for Subordinate Lodges into the Norwegian language; provided such translation be made without expense to this Grand Lodge, and is submitted to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and shall receive his sanction and approval before the same shall be allowed to be used by any Lodge.

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HENRY F. GAREY,
MARTIN WHITE,
E. J. HAMILTON,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
GEO. EDWARDS,
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The Grand Secretary presented an official communication from Bro. WILHELM ALTVATER, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, which was referred to the special committee to which was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

Also, an application for a charter for a Grand Lodge in the Republic of Switzerland, which was referred to the same committee.

Also, the Constitution and By-Laws of Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, Vermillion, Dakota Territory, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a Grand Encampment in the jurisdiction of Colorado, would respectfully report that the application was regularly made by the constitutional number of Subordinate Encampments, (five,) and that the M. W. Grand Sire properly granted a warrant for its institution; that said Grand Encampment was instituted on the 13th of March last, by D. D. Grand Sire CLARENCE P. ELDER; it is therefore recommended that the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire in granting said warrant be confirmed, and that a charter be granted to said Grand Encampment of Colorado.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY,
R. M. JOHNSON,
D. G. PALMER.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the Committee on Education, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Education and kindred subjects, to whom so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to Schools and Asylums has been referred, beg leave to report:

That the Grand Sire's report on this subject involves two questions—

First. A general one, namely, to what extent, and for what general purposes may a tax be levied upon subordinates and their members?

Second. A special one, involving the legality of the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in taxing the subordinates of that State for the building of an institution for the education of the orphans, and a home for the widowed families of members of the Order.

We shall consider these in the order above named.

And as to the first question we remark, that the duty of educating the orphan is a command as imperative and as obligatory as that of burying the dead, or relieving the distressed. Attention to this subject has been repeatedly enjoined by this Grand Lodge upon its subordinate Grand Jurisdictions. So frequently has this been done as to lead us to infer that this duty is perhaps the most neglected of any of the great fundamental duties which our Order enjoins. We think there can be no doubt of the power of a State Grand Jurisdiction to levy a tax upon its subordinates for the purpose of educating the orphan. This Grand Lodge never imposes a duty without at the same time conferring all the power necessary for the discharge of the duty it imposes. It commands its Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions to educate the orphan as one of the cherished objects of our organization. This Grand Lodge would be doing a vain thing if it withheld the power to execute the command it has given. At the session of this Grand Lodge, for 1870, (see Journal of that year, pages 4887 and 4888,) a report made by a committee, of which the lamented Past Grand Sire KENNEDY was chairman, and adopted, in which the legality of such a tax was clearly established, Grand Lodges were earnestly urged to take action on these subjects, and for the first time in the history of this Grand Lodge the unprecedented authority was given to the Subordinates of a State Grand Lodge to act themselves on this subject, on the authority of this Grand Lodge, if their own State Grand Lodges omitted to take action upon it. Confining our answer to the general question above mentioned to its application to schools and asylums, we are clearly of the opinion that it is lawful for Grand Jurisdictions to levy such a tax. But it is proper perhaps to remark, that while in our opinion such a power undoubtedly exists in State Grand Jurisdictions, unless prohibited by their constitutions, yet any abuse of the power would be the subject of correction by this Grand Lodge upon proper appeal to it.

As to the second question we remark, that it appears the Grand Lodge of Michigan established an institution for the education of the orphans, and a home for the widowed families of members of the Order, and it assessed a tax upon the members of the Order in that State for the erection of the institution. But it annexed a proviso to the resolution assessing the tax, that the action of the Grand Lodge, in that particular, should be submitted to the Grand Sire for his approval. That officer, we think, very properly informed the authorities of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, that he had no authority to act in the premises.

If we are correct in the general views expressed in response to the first question, there can be no doubt of the power of the Grand Lodge of Michigan to assess the tax, unless prohibited by their constitution. The proviso, that it should be submitted to the Grand Sire for his approval, has been complied with, and we think does not affect the validity and obligation of the law assessing the tax. The Grand Sire had not the power, in his opinion, and in ours, to approve or disapprove. The proviso is therefore nugatory, and of no force or effect, as the operation of the law is not made dependent upon the approval or disapproval of the Grand Sire. It imposes a condition which it was impossible to perform, and no Grand Lodge can be bound by an impossible condition. The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is lawful for State Grand Jurisdictions to levy and assess reasonable taxes and assessments to provide suitable places where the orphan children of the members of the Order in their several jurisdictions may be supported and educated; and also, for the establishment of asylums for the widowed families and valetudinary members of the Order, provided there is no constitutional prohibition.

Resolved, That the assessment referred to in the foregoing report, as made by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was a lawful exercise of power, and that the resolution of that Grand Lodge is in force, notwithstanding the proviso requiring its submission to the Grand Sire for his approval, and is obligatory upon the subordinates of that jurisdiction, provided there is no constitutional prohibition.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
M. P. LINDSLEY,
JNO. T. GIVEN,
E. W. HARTMAN,
AMOS JONES.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed at the last session on Dues and Benefits and Mutual Aid Associations, report:

At the session of 1853, an elaborate report upon dues and benefits was made by the committee of which Rev. I. D. WILLIAMSON, Past Grand Chaplain, was chairman. It is matter of surprise and regret that the report did not command the attention it deserved. Had this Grand Lodge then adopted, and for five years enforced its recommendations, a mass of statistics beyond price would now be in our possession. That report, in its general features, contained the substantial truth; some of the data necessary to construct tables, upon which the dues and benefits of the Order could be safely based, were wanting, but were easily at hand. And yet, although twenty years have passed, the author of that report has, at this present session, addressed a letter to the Lodge, in which he states that if he had a *single further fact* he could perfect his tables; the fact is still wanting. The statistics are as incomplete now as then.

This Grand Lodge, as the executive and legislative head of a great moral institution, with nearly four hundred thousand members and an annual revenue of over $4,000,000, promising in its constitutions and by-laws to pay certain fixed sums as sick and funeral benefits, cannot to-day tell how many weeks of sickness it will experience in the next twelve months; cannot to-day tell the average age of its members; in short, cannot, upon the established principles of sickness and mortality, prove its ability to meet its engagements. On the contrary, the most ordinary actuary can demonstrate that the assets of the Order are not equal to its liabilities.

It has been said by many during the past twenty years, that however insolvent our scale of dues and benefits may be upon scientific principles, yet the fact is, that our treasury is full, and that we are increasing in numbers and in financial strength from year to year. The time has passed for us to deceive ourselves in this way. To thinking men it has become clear that we must either improve our financial status or abolish benefits.

Nothing more strongly illustrates this than the report of the Grand Secretary for the year 1872. The total sums on page 5666 show a splendid growth. The *increase* in Lodges over the year 1871 is 753; in initiations, 9,993; in revenue, $971,061.59; in relief, $411,375.89, and in members, 57,220. The total revenue is $4,291,071.12, and the total relief $1,503,471.40. And yet, with this great surplus of revenue over relief, there are Lodges in nearly every State which have in the past few years failed to pay the benefits due their sick because of no money in the treasury, and inability or disinclination to meet assessments. This is true even of the two strong jurisdictions of Pennsylvania and California, and we believe is true generally.

In some States, where Lodges have paid their benefits, they have been reduced by the by-laws to the pitiful sum of twenty-five cents per week, and in others the benefits cease after thirteen weeks of sickness.

So, Lodges of several hundred members, with an invested fund of ten and twenty thousand dollars, have been compelled to borrow money on the fund to meet the weekly sick benefits. That is to say, the revenue of the Lodge, apparently so flourishing, was unequal to the demands of its sick, and this, too, in a healthy locality and without epidemic sickness.

In short, time has at last forced us to acknowledge what science long since predicted would come to pass. As Lodges have grown older, their inability to fulfil their promises has become manifest. The reason is plain. We have no financial system. We pay certain dues into our treasury without stopping to inquire whether they be too much or too little, and then we trifle with our sense and our honor by asserting, in our constitution and by-laws, that these dues will provide for the sick and bury the dead, when we know they will do neither the one nor the other. In the youth of the Order our want of experience was some excuse for our hap-hazard system of dues and benefits. The constant influx of new members, with their fees for initiation and degrees, and the large annual secessions by non-payment of dues, for a long time gave us the appearance of great prosperity. Even now the same causes are operating, and will, to a certain extent, continue. But, notwithstanding these aids, we now know that in every jurisdiction we have in many instances failed to meet our engagements—at least the treasuries of our Lodges have failed to meet every call on demand. By assessments and by charities we have discharged our obligations in most cases. And we must remember that every time a Lodge fails to pay its sick or funeral benefit, one of the foundation stones of the Order is removed, its plighted faith is tarnished, and that the Order cannot long survive. We stand before the world promising certain things. We must do as we say, or perish. It is not creditable to our intelligence or honesty to issue to the world written constitutions and by-laws, and returns wherein our entire resources and liabilities are distinctly set forth, when the latter exceed the former by nearly two to one.

In Great Britain, where similar societies have existed for over seventy

years, the same results have been reached. In 1853 over thirty-three thousand Friendly Societies were in existence there, with about 3,000,000 members; but their constant failure to meet their promises through the insolvent relation of their dues and benefits had long before become so serious that Parliament was compelled to interfere. The evidence before the committees, from both houses of Parliament, as to the insolvency of these institutions, was beyond dispute.

The question then arose as to whether the experience of other Friendly Societies in regard to sickness was applicable to Odd-Fellows' societies.

On their behalf it was claimed that their members were less liable to sickness than members of other Friendly Societies. The results do not substantiate the claim; and the experience of the Manchester Unity confirms the general law of sickness and mortality prevailing throughout the Kingdom.

It is certain therefore that the system of dues and benefits formerly in force in the Manchester Unity was unsound, and that nothing but the prompt remedies now being applied by the Order, under command of the law, could have saved it from destruction. That remedy consists of quinquennial returns by all Lodges of, among other things, the age of their members, the number of weeks' sickness experienced, the deaths, and the current expenses. Upon these returns tables are constructed by actuaries, from which the proper amount of dues and benefits are deduced. Of course, owing to the large number of members who became such under the old system, it is difficult entirely to retrieve its errors. The reports, however, for the last ten years, show steady improvement in the condition of the Order.

Your committee dwell upon the experience of these societies in Great Britain, the more strongly to impress this Grand Lodge with the necessity of action on its part. The system there is essentially our system. The real vice of both is in not graduating dues according to age at entrance, and in not recognizing the law of sickness and mortality prevailing in the locality of the Lodge. Peculiar elements, such as the great number of secessions, the failure of many members to draw their benefits, the rapid growth of the Lodge and the consequent large sums received by initiations and degrees, have, for a long time, in both countries, made the Order prosperous, despite this defect. But the history of the Order there must be its history here, in this respect. Money is the same thing everywhere, and the promise to pay it, by way of sick or funeral benefits, must be regulated by the same general law, or the promise will be broken.

What shall we do to remedy the errors of the past and to secure the future?

Two things are essential:

1st. We must ascertain our liabilities and assets.

2d. We must ascertain the law of sickness and mortality in every place within our jurisdiction. To this end proper forms for annual returns should be prepared, sent to each jurisdiction, with instructions to have them promptly filled, and these instructions should be rigidly enforced. Whatever other temporary expedients may be resorted to, this is the one paramount demand.

First. As to liabilities and assets.

No system of dues and benefits for the future can be reasonably perfect without provision for members already in the Order. Our present membership is over four hundred thousand. It is impossible to say exactly what our liabilities are. Taking as a basis the results reached by the committee in 1853, (Journal,) to wit: That the average dues are $4.38 per annum; the average sick benefits $3.51; the average funeral benefits $78; the value of this assurance to each man at $6.70 per annum, and the account stands thus: For the coming year the 400,000 members will pay as dues $1,752,000, whereas they ought to pay $6.70 each or $2,680,000, leaving a deficiency for every year of $928,000. Assuming that these members

will pay for degrees during the year $200,000, and the deficit is reduced to $728,000, to meet which the Order ought to have funds invested to the amount of about $11,600,000. These are approximate results only, but unfortunately too near the truth. And it will be observed that the relative position of the Order to-day is the same as in 1853. Our membership is about doubled, and so with our liabilities. What our available assets are we know not; but no representative here believes that they amount to $11,600,000. Indeed, it is certain that they do not equal the half of that sum or $5,800,000. Assuming this to be true, and the position of the Manchester Unity is a striking illustration that their experience must be our experience.

The returns of the Unity for 1871 show a membership of 410,403, and when reduced to figures present this financial statement:

LIABILITIES.

Sick benefits	$42,722,960
Funeral benefits, (members)	8,875,810
Funeral benefits, (wives)	2,220,425
Total	$53,819,195

ASSETS.

Invested capital, at 3 per cent	$12,793,675	
Present value of dues	34,328,385	
		47,122,060
Deficiency		$ 6,697,135

Here we have two great Orders in different countries, based on substantially the same principles, with a membership about equal, and with a deficit in their finances of $6,697,135 in one case, and of $5,800,000 in the other case. These figures, your committee believe to be largely too favorable to the Order in America.

In adjusting, therefore, rates of dues and benefits for the future, it is absolutely necessary that our great liabilities for the present membership be taken into account.

Second. As to the law of sickness and mortality. That our dues and benefits must be finally based upon this law, and that the law must be deduced from our own actual experience, is so clear, that it seems a waste of time to demonstrate it. If the facts within our personal knowledge; the failure of so many Lodges to meet their engagements from funds in the treasury, the only legitimate source for payment of funeral and sick benefits; the recorded experience of the Manchester Unity, and the works of NEISON & RATCLIFFE fails to convince, it is useless to argue.

As these books are not accessible to the mass of the Order, and as the subject has recently been well put in the American Odd-Fellow by Bro. NICHOLS, we copy from one of his articles the following, omitting and adding a little here and there:

The Manchester Unity, of England, is not merely the largest Odd-Fellows' organization, but the largest friendly society of any kind in the world. The statistics of this large society have been compiled at intervals since 1846. They now cover 1,321,006 years of life, and 1,975,032 weeks of sickness. Here are the deaths that have been observed to take place among ten thousand members at different ages, and the average duration of life at each age, that is, the number of years that members of any given age will live on the average:

AGE.	Deaths per 10,000.	Average duration of life.
20	60.	41 years.
30	80.	34 "
40	113.	27 "
50	171.	20 "
60	319.	14 "
70	662.	8 "
80	1394.	5 "

In these few figures are our commentary on the inequity of the present system. For every death that occurs among members at twenty years of age, nearly two deaths occur at forty, nearly three deaths at fifty, and over five deaths at sixty. Those of the latter age will live, on the average, but fourteen years in which to pay their dues, while those of twenty will be contributors for forty-one years. Yet each and all are in the Lodge assessed at the same rates and receive the same funeral benefits. The young man, with forty years of prospective payments before him, is entitled to no greater benefits than the old man who enters when all but fourteen years of his life have been expended. Or to put the matter in a still clearer light: Suppose a hundred members join at twenty, and another hundred at fifty, each of whom pays $10 annually in the coffers of the Lodge. The first hundred members will contribute during their lives no less than $41,000, the second hundred only $20,000. *The young men pay the benefits of the old!*

But some may argue that the old members, as a rule, joined when they were young, and the Lodge has already enjoyed the benefit of their payments. To this it must be answered that the relations of the new members are not altered by past contributions already expended. Unless the society holds a surplus in favor of its older members, all of their past payments are of no value to the neophite. And in any case, the young man and the old can never fairly enter a new Lodge on equal terms.

But the funeral benefits are not the only consideration in joining a Friendly Society. Of still more importance is the provision made for sickness. Perhaps the injustice in the first case is remedied here; let us see. Here is the experience of the Manchester Unity in regard to sickness, according to the returns at three different periods of its history:

AGE.	Weeks of sickness per annum, according to the returns of		
	1843.	1860.	1870.
20	.58	.83	.70
30	.80	.84	.87
40	1.08	1.15	1.17
50	1.85	1.85	1.99
60	4.49	4.40	4.03
70	9.57	9.88	10.08
80	19.91	19.09	20.72

The disproportion existing between the death rates at different ages is increased by half in the sickness! Five times as many die at sixty as at twenty, but eight times as many weeks of sickness are experienced. Eleven times as many die at seventy, but there are sixteen times as many weeks of sickness. But even worse than this is the practical injustice resulting. Let us cypher a little about the matter. Here is a Lodge that promises $100 as a funeral benefit, and $4 a week for sickness.

Not to be too severe, take the case of two entrants, one aged forty, the other fifty. The latter will live on the average twenty years. During this period both will be contributors and beneficiaries of the Lodge. During these twenty years the member of fifty will, estimating roughly, have five weeks of sickness a year, the member of twenty about six days of sickness. During the whole twenty years the older member will cost the Lodge $400, the younger member only about $70. Here is a total of $470 assessed equally on both, and divided between the two nearly in the proportion of $6 to $1. The injustice involved in the assessment of the $200 for funeral benefits of the two is small in comparison.

Important as are the consequences involved in want of equity, still more serious is the question of threatened bankruptcy. If the deaths and sickness to be expected by a Lodge are once known, the cost of furnishing the sick and funeral benefits admits of easy calculation. The following table shows, at the several ages of entering the Lodge, the single payment and annual dues required from each member to pay $100 as a funeral benefit, and also the annual dues and single payment necessary to allow him $1 for each week of sickness, assuming the money to be deposited in a savings bank and allowed to accumulate at three per cent. compound interest. The calculations are founded on the experience of the Manchester Unity. It is not necessary here to explain the process, since there can be no more dispute about its accuracy than about the contents of a plot of ground of known measurement:

Ages of Entry.	Payments necessary for a funeral benefit of $100.		Payments necessary for a weekly allowance of $1 in sickness.	
	Single payment.	Annual dues.	Single payment.	Annual dues.
20	$33 52	$1 54	$42 08	$1 93
25	36 65	1 77	46 33	2 23
30	40 06	2 05	51 30	2 62
35	43 87	2 40	56 93	3 12
40	48 01	2 85	63 50	3 77
45	52 49	3 43	71 08	4 64
50	57 37	4 21	79 10	5 80
60	67 75	6 73	93 41	9 77
70	77 75		116 46	17 57

Here we have a standard tested by the largest Odd-Fellows' organization in the world. Any Lodge desirous of finding out the sufficiency of its dues has but to apply the measuring rod. One or two illustrations will show how to use it.

Before us is the code of a Lodge promising $100 on the death of each member, and $50 on the death of his wife. The members receive $4 weekly during sickness. The weekly dues are 15 cents; the initiation fees range according to the ages, from $12 to $26. Let us assume the most favorable age, 20 years. The initiation fee of $12 is a single payment. Placed at interest it will purchase a funeral benefit of $30, or *a weekly allowance of about twenty cents.* The weekly dues amount to $7.80 a year. This will purchase a funeral benefit of $507, or a weekly allowance of $4.04. Together they provide for the sick benefit offered, and between $30 and $40 of the $150 promised by the Lodge. This, be it remembered, is at the very youngest age, on the assumption that the money is appropriated wholly to these purposes and invested at interest. Instead of this, suppose the entrant to be between the ages of 40 and 50. His initiation will now provide

for a funeral benefit of about $60, and his weekly dues for a sick allowance of $2, little more than one-third of what is needed. Unfortunately the money so raised must help defray the expenses of the Lodge, and can neither be invested nor appropriated as we have assumed.

But this is apparently a model Lodge, for recognizing the fact that their charges are not sufficient, they assess an extra fund for the funeral benefits, as it may be needed, and leave the deficiency to fall entirely upon the sick fund. How far this plan of extra assessment remedies the evil, however, can be seen by a reference once more to our table of death rates. The entrant at twenty pays assessments for forty-one years, the entrant at fifty for twenty years. The young member is again paying the funeral benefits of the old.

Instead of an individual illustration, take a standard case. Here is a model code framed for the use of all Lodges who may wish a pattern prepared by experienced hands. Its initiation fee is $5, its weekly dues 6¼ cents, its funeral benefit $20, and its sick allowance whatever may be agreed on. The $5 initiation will, at an average age of 30, provide $12.50 for a benefit. The weekly dues will furnish a weekly sick allowance of $1.24. Whether this is a *model code* the reader can judge for himself.

Inadequate as these few illustrations prove the assessments to be, the illustrations are far too favorable. Nothing has been said of the expenditures that must come out, nor of the interest lost through non-investment of the principal; a low interest rate has indeed been assumed, but certainly as high as is realized on the payments taken as a whole. How is it possible to avert ultimate bankruptcy under such circumstances except by levying extra assessments, becoming more burdensome each year as the Lodge grows older and the membership reduced in number.

One word, now, as to the manner in which the Lodges are deceived. Assume the case of a young Lodge, with a membership averaging 25 years of age; one week of sickness and one death per hundred a year will cover their expenses for several years at least. Fifteen cents a week per member, in a Lodge of one hundred members, will allow $4 for sickness and $100 for benefits for ten years at least, and leave each year a surplus of about $550 for other purposes.

At present the old members may be able to bear the extra burden in the end imposed upon them, and keep their decimated Lodge alive in many cases; but no doubt with each year the dependence on friendly aid, with advancing age, will increase as the country becomes more settled. What is now embarrassing may, in the near future, become impossible.

We give the foregoing tables and figures from the Manchester Unity solely for the purpose of illustrating the necessity of graduating dues and benefits according to age and according to the laws of sickness and mortality. But we caution Lodges that it will not do to adopt these tables in this country. The rate of sickness differs so much in different localities that there is no safety in tables until we prepare them ourselves from our own returns.

Especially must it be remembered that model tables can never be relied on for the sick rate. Even after the returns shall furnish data sufficient to construct tables giving the average death and sick rate for the whole jurisdiction, it will be necessary that each Lodge base its dues and benefits upon tables giving the average rate in a particular district. Whether that district can embrace a whole State or several States must be determined when the tables are made.

The sick rate differs greatly in different sections of the same country, and the mortality rate is not proof of the sick rate. Recent statistics show the remarkable fact that the effect of increased mortality is to diminish instead of increase the liabilities of a Lodge.

NEISON, the great actuary, says:

"A careful survey of the figures presented will show, that although, as age advances, the human constitution has a greater tendency to decay, and greater liability to sickness, still it presents the apparent anomaly of having, in advanced life, a greater power of enduring sickness than in younger life, and that although there is less power to resist the approach of disease, there is a higher capability of sustaining its insidious and destroying agency. At the period of life 31–35, it will be seen that for every 116 weeks of sickness there is one death, but at the term of life 66–70, there is only one death for 252 weeks of sickness; or in other words, a greater amount of sickness is required to destroy life at advanced ages than at younger ones."

So the same author: "I have already shown, that any one giving attention to the examination of the different witnesses, before the parliamentary committees, must have observed a strong tendency on the part of the members towards the adoption of model tables of rates of contributions and benefits. In the Appendix (A) to the report by the late LORD BEAUMENT'S committee, House of Lords, I have furnished some striking illustrations of the varying liabilities to which different societies are subject; but the additional examples now furnished, are certainly very curious and remarkable, both in a scientific and practical point of view, and conclusively prove that few things could be more dangerous to the interests of friendly societies, than the adoption of model tables, * * * and every day shows more clearly, that the circumstances in which different societies are placed, are so dissimilar as to render the liabilities of one, no criterion for those of another."

And, "One great mistake often made by the promoters and managers of small societies is, that they conceive if a particular society is eminently successful under a given scale of contributions and benefits, that those who are residing in another district, and living under different influences, cannot do better than follow the example of their neighbors in the adjustment of the contributions and benefits. This impression is natural enough; but no conclusion has of late years been better established, by practical research, than the fact of the great disparity which exists between the ratios of sickness among societies established even in adjacent districts. This has been fully shown even when the number of members in the societies is sufficiently large to realize the average amount of sickness peculiar to the district."

In Scotland, for example, the death rate in friendly societies is much higher than in England, while the sick rate is lower. The risk, by sickness, exceeds the risk by death more than nine to one, according to tables based on returns of the Manchester Unity.

In this connection it is to be observed that no system of dues and benefits can be sound unless the number of members to which it is applied is large enough to get an average mortality and sick rate. A Lodge of fifty or one hundred members will, three or four of them being unhealthy and subject to protracted sickness, break down even with thoroughly scientific rates of dues and benefits. A thousand members, or at least five hundred, are essential to a perfect system; hence the necessity of combining a number of Lodges into a district, so far as the payment of dues and benefits is concerned. This is the plan in England and Australia; and though our Lodges may cling, for years, to the exclusive control of their finances, the day will come when districts must be formed, or the Grand Lodge of each State must, from a fund provided by tax on its subordinates, pay the sick and funeral benefits. The details could be arranged without difficulty, and one great advantage would ensue, to wit: That the reputation of the Order at large would not suffer by the delinquencies or misfortunes of individual Lodges. The resources of the State Grand Lodge would always be ample, and the relief prompt and certain.

Indeed, in many Lodges here, the real point of trouble now is in *small membership* and not in the ratio of dues to benefits. Extravagance in

expenses and carelessness in the investment of funds increase the difficulty, but limited numbers constitute the main cause of their financial distress.

Your committee were also instructed to report upon the subject of Mutual Aid Associations in connection with the Order.

We have been unable to procure all the facts relative to these associations. They are mainly of recent origin, and lack the experience requisite for a final opinion upon their merits. This, however, seems clear. These associations are expedients to relieve the Lodges from their monied difficulties. They are attempts to supplement Lodge finances, embarrassed by an inadequate scale of dues and benefits; and a little reflection will show that the associations are themselves liable to the same objections. They have no sound system of finance. Their assessments and their benefits are as arbitrary as those of the Lodges, and in time they too will be unable to pay their debts. Besides the sums paid by these associations do not go to the Lodges, and hence do not aid them. And if their system of finance be regulated by sound financial principles—that is, if it exact an assessment equal to the liability brought into the association by the member, then the association becomes a life insurance company, and has no advantage over the ordinary insurance company, so that so far as these associations differ from general insurance companies, the latter are superior; and so far as they do not differ, they are nothing new, and require no discussion. Besides, these associations are confined, as your committee believe, entirely to relief of families of a deceased brother; that is, they pay a *funeral* and not a sick benefit, and we have already shown that the liability of the latter is largely in excess of the former.

The practical operation of these associations has thus far been beneficial, furnishing, as they have promptly, upon the death of a brother, a considerable sum to his widow or family at a time when it is greatly needed. So far, so good. But as a relief from the financial troubles of our institution, they do not meet the case.

Another matter. It is supposed by some that a system of Lodge Insurance is the true remedy for the evils we are discussing. While your committee would not positively discourage efforts in this direction, we believe they will be found useless whenever a proper system of dues and benefits is adopted; and such efforts have this bad effect, that they divert the attention of the Order from the one grand object of establishing such a system. It is grasping at straws, when the strong arm should be put forth to reach the solid land.

To make this report productive of some good result, your committee have concluded it best to confine the present action of this Grand Lodge to a single but most important item in the series of facts essential to a complete system of dues and benefits. This one thing we can accomplish. The Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges will have no difficulty in filling the blank prepared in the resolution at the close of this report.

But we recommend to the several Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Lodge to take steps to ascertain these additional facts, to wit:

1st. The number of members at each age.

2d. The amount of sick and funeral benefits, as shown by the constitutions and by-laws of each Lodge.

3d. The current expenses of each Lodge, separate from benefits and charities.

4th. The amount of productive property. That is, the total of real or personal property, notes, bonds or mortgages which yield a revenue, and can be used in the payment of benefits if necessary.

If a few of the older and larger jurisdictions would take hold of this subject in earnest, they would confer a lasting favor upon the whole Order, and do justice to themselves. Especially do we urge all jurisdictions to add to their returns this item—

CURRENT EXPENSES.

It is remarkable that very few jurisdictions—and your committee have only found one, Ohio—require any report of the current expenses of subordinates. This will be found to be one great source of financial trouble. Twenty per cent. of the total revenue has been assumed to be the cost of current expense. From some calculations, we suspect thirty per cent. will be nearer the truth. The Grand Secretary of one strong jurisdiction states that forty-four per cent. is the average in his State. The facts on this point should be known, and the current expense reduced to reasonable limits.

We submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this committee be continued, with instructions to further report at the next session of this body.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to add to the items upon which reports are required to be made to this Grand Lodge, the following item, to wit: Number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid.

Resolved, That said Secretary place upon the margin of the form furnished this note:

This information can be easily procured by referring to the Order Book of the Lodge or Encampment. For instance, Bro. A. B. has been sick during the term twenty-six weeks, Bro. C. D. ten weeks, Bro. E. F. three weeks. The return is then made thus: Number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid, thirty-nine.

J. B. HARMON,
J. B. NICHOLSON,
GEO. EDWARDS,
ERIE J. LEECH,
M. S. DOWDEN.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the memorial on page 5783 Journal, presented by Rep. McQUIDDY, of Indiana; the resolutions of Rep. POND, of Connecticut, on page 5823 Journal, and the report on page 5551 Journal, respectfully report that they have considered the same and offer the following:

Resolved, That the memorial on page 5783 be referred to the Committee on Revision, to be reported on in secret session.

Resolved, That hereafter there shall be no forfeiture of membership in Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, except by such rules and usages as apply to brothers in Subordinate Lodges, and all legislation inconsistent with this resolution is hereby repealed.

Resolved, That Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah are hereafter authorized to admit to membership, by the vote required by the regulations of the Grand Lodge authorizing them, female applicants over eighteen years of age; provided they are daughters of Scarlet Degree members of the Order in good standing, or daughters of Odd-Fellows of the Scarlet Degree who died in good standing.

Resolved, That the following order of business be printed in future editions of the Charge Book, on page 10:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

N. G. The Secretary will call the roll of officers and read the proceedings of last meeting. Certificate authorizing the degree will now be read.

The degree will be conferred. Consideration of proposals for membership. Report of sick committee. Report of committees by seniority. Unfinished business. New business. Good and welfare.

Resolved, That the principal requirements in the report on page 5551 revised Journal, being provided for in the foregoing resolution, the committee be discharged from the further consideration of that subject.

THEO. A. ROSS,
PHILIP POND,
A. O. H. P. SEHORN,
JOHN W. CARTER,
L. BIXBY,
A. J. LANGWORTHY.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to preparing an index for vols. 6, 7 and 8 of Journal of Proceedings, and binding of vols. 7 and 8, would respectfully report:

That they have considered the subject, and are of the opinion that suitable appropriations should be made for such purposes. The committee, therefore, recommend an appropriation for the indexing of vols. 6, 7 and 8, after the style of the index to the fifth volume.

We are advised by the Grand Secretary that the edition of vols. 1 to 6 is entirely exhausted, and that he will require 250 copies of said volumes, and 1000 copies of vols. 7 and 8. The committee, in view of this fact, recommend an appropriation for the purpose of meeting the expenses of such publication. The subjoined resolutions are submitted for adoption:

Resolved, That three hundred dollars ($300) be and is hereby appropriated for the indexing of vols. 6, 7 and 8 in style of fifth volume, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Resolved, That thirty-five hundred dollars, ($3500,) or so much thereof as may be required, be appropriated for the printing and binding of the requisite edition of the revised Journal. Respectfully submitted.

JOHN MEDOLE,
ERIE J. LEECH,
ISRAEL HARRIS,
M. M. ESTEE,
LEVI EMPIE,
J. C. SMITH,
A. NOLTNER,
JAMES YORSTON,
L. C. TILLOTSON.

Also, submitted the following resolution, which was, at his request, laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger of this Grand Lodge be and hereby is entitled to the same mileage and per diem allowed other officers thereof in attendance at this session.

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be requested to make such allowance in their estimate of expenses.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Education and kindred subjects:

Resolved, That as a progressive Order, designed to improve and elevate the character of man, it is eminently fitting and proper that this R. W. Grand Body do express a sentiment on the important subject of higher education—a sentiment favorable to its advancement, and such as will give strength and courage to the various Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions in their laudable efforts, both now and hereafter, to establish colleges and higher schools of learning.

Resolved, That while this R. W. Grand Body fully recognizes the efficiency and completeness of what is known as our common-school system, and has no intention or desire to supplement it by establishing similar primary schools, it does recognize the fact of the present need of higher schools of education, and that it is the duty of a large and influential fraternity like ours, comprehening as it does, such vast wealth—corporate and individual—to lend its influence and means to build up and establish, throughout the various local jurisdictions, such colleges and schools.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred an application for a charter for an Encampment at Forrest City, Arkansas, recommend:

That a charter for an Encampment at Forrest City, Arkansas, be granted, and that P. D. Grand Sire P. O. HOOPER, of Arkansas, be authorized to confer the necessary degrees upon the applicants, and institute said Encampment at Forrest City. Respectfully submitted.

R. M. JOHNSON,
JOHN HAMLIN,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
D. G. PALMER,
J. F. ALEXANDER.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as recommends the preparation of a formal epistle salutatory and fraternal from this Grand Body to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, have considered the subject, and recommend that our Most Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested, after the adjournment of this body, to prepare and transmit to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire such communication as will meet the suggestion of our Most Worthy Grand Sire. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. N. BARROWS,
FRED. SPECK,
LUTHER HOMES,
A. L. SPEAR,
W. W. MOORE,
O. P. SMART.

The Grand Secretary made a formal presentation from the Grand Lodge of the German Empire of a vote of thanks of said Grand

Lodge, accompanied with a photographic group of the charter members thereof, with appropriate remarks, which the Deputy Grand Sire, presiding, cordially accepted on behalf of the Grand Lodge, with the expression of the sincere gratification of the Lodge. The vote of thanks is in the words following:

At the first communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the German Empire, nine of the ten charter Lodges being represented, it was, on motion of Bro. EMIL WENZEL, Representative from Germania Lodge, No. 1, of Prussia, unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and they are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the liberality and confidence evinced by the terms of the Independent Grand Charter granted, and that the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. G. Secretary be instructed to transmit to JAMES L. RIDGELY, Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, a copy of this resolution, under official seal, and accompanied by a photographic group of the charter members.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, this thirtieth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, and of our Order the fifty-fourth.

H. WOLLHEIM, *Grand Sire.*
M. BERNHEIM, *D. Grand Sire.*

OTTO SCHAETLLE, *Grand Secretary.*

At this stage of the proceedings, the Grand Treasurer stated that in obedience to a resolution adopted yesterday, he transmitted by telegraph this A. M., four hundred and two dollars to Neith Lodge, No. 21, of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the relief of suffering Odd-Fellows and their families at that place.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, it was ordered that upon the reassembling of the Grand Lodge, at 2 o'clock, it will proceed at once to secret session.

The hour fixed for recess, 12.30, having arrived, the Lodge receded from business until 2 o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when—

Rep. POND, of Connecticut, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, found on page 5826 Journal of the present session, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the subject referred to them, and recommend the adoption of the resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That a Subordinate Lodge, from whence Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah have sprung, shall send all their members and their wives, who are qualified with proper certificates, to the Degree Lodge, to have the Degree of Rebekah conferred upon them, and not to have the

power to confer the degree in a Subordinate Lodge if there be a Rebekah Degree Lodge in the vicinity.

PHILIP POND,
A. J. LANGWORTHY,
L. BIXBY,
H. W. BAKER.

Rep. POND, of Connecticut, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, by the legislation of this R. W. Grand Lodge, it is incumbent on all officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to wear jewels in connection with their regalia, and whereas the District Deputy supplies the place of the Grand Master in the discharge of his official duties, therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to report an appropriate design for a jewel to be worn by District Deputy Grand Masters, also in reference to the propriety of adopting a jewel to be worn by District Deputy Grand Patriarchs.

On motion of Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, that the Lodge now suspend the special order for the purpose of taking up the report of the Committee on Printing Supplies, page 5859, it was agreed to.

And the question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions accompanying, a division of the question was asked, and the question being on the first resolution—

On motion of Rep. EARL, of Ohio, the report was recommitted with instruction to amend the report by adding after the word "employed in the said resolution," the words "who shall be assistant."

The Chair now proceeded with the call of committees, when—

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred for consideration by the adoption of the resolution reported by the commitee on Unfinished Business, page 5841 Journal, the decisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15 and answers to interrogatories numbered 2, 3, 5, and 6, by M. W. Grand Sire STUART, announced at the annual session of 1872, respectfully report:

That they recommend the approavl of the decisions numbered 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14 and 15 on pages 5279 and 5280 of the revised Journal, and the answers to the inquiries numbered 2, 3, 5 and 6 on page 5282 revised Journal.

That they cannot recommend the approval of decision No. 1, as in their judgment it is not in accordance with the latest utterance of this Grand Lodge upon the subject. The decision of the M. W. Grand Sire was doubtless based upon the action of the Grand Lodge in 1856, reported in the Digest, 648, but much more recently, in 1868, revised Journal, 4316, 4368, 4433, on the resolution offered by Rep. SMITH, of Ill., "*that the time and mode of voting upon penalties*, after conviction for misconduct, is an appropriate matter for the legislation of the several Grand Bodies, and is hereby delegated to them." The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the

Legislative Committee to whom the resolution was referred, "that the subject of said resolution has always been regulated by the several State Grand Bodies, and requires no legislation by this R. W. Grand Lodge."

As to No. 4 we recommend that it be modified as follows: An application for membership may be withdrawn without the permission of the Lodge before the report of the committee thereon is read to the Lodge, but not afterwards. Respectfully submitted.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
L. J. GLENN,
M. S. DOWDEN,
J. M. PRICE,
PETER BRUGMAN,
J. MARIS,
ORLANDO McCRANEY,
HENRY CLARK,
SAMUEL RYAN, JR.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee of Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In the case of appeal of P. G. WINN, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, your committee respectfully report:

On the 24th day of June, 1873, an election was held in Cherokee Lodge, No. 8, for Noble Grand and other officers. H. REID was elected by one vote over J. G. HUGHES. On the next Lodge night a motion to reconsider the election was made, on the ground that a brother participated in the election who was disqualified. The motion prevailed, and the Lodge, by a vote, declared the election void; and a second election was had, when J. G. HUGHES was elected by a majority of four votes. It did not appear that the disqualified voter in the first election voted for REID.

From this action of Cherokee Lodge, declaring the first election void, and holding a second election, an appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who reversed said action and directed the installation of H. REID as Noble Grand of said Lodge, which was done. From this decision of the Grand Master an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Georgia. That body sustained the decision and action of the Grand Master.

Your committee think the action of the Grand Lodge was right, and therefore offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the appeal of Past Grand WINN be dismissed.

NATHAN PORTER,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
ALF. D. JONES,
ROBERT LEBBY,
JAMES WOODYATT,
J. L. MILTON,
GEO. DAMON,
AARON B. CRANE.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, P. G. M., from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the case of Lehicton Lodge, No. 244, *versus* CHARLES

WALLACE, respectfully report, that it appears from the papers submitted to this committee, that the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania decided that the facts submitted to them by the Lodge did not, in their opinion, sustain the charges which were preferred against Bro. WALLACE in said Lodge, upon which he was expelled. With this conclusion the Lodge became dissatisfied, and appealed from the decision to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which passed the following resolution, to wit: "That this special committee, in the case of Lehicton Lodge *versus* CHARLES WALLACE, be authorized to make a full examination of the case, and report to this Grand Lodge, as to whether said evidence was or was not sufficient to sustain the action of said Lodge," and from this action Past Grand Master GWINNER appeals to the Grand Lodge of the United States, contending that after the committee on appeals once decide upon the facts, there is no possible way, under the laws of that jurisdiction, to review the case. Sections 16 and 17 of these by-laws are as follows:

Section 16. "The committee shall reduce their report to writing, and shall submit the same to the M. W. Grand Master If he shall approve the report, it shall be final and conclusive unless an appeal be taken as hereinafter provided."

Section 17. "Any Lodge or member, party to an appeal, feeling aggrieved at the decision thereon, may appeal therefrom to this Grand Lodge, but such appeal shall be confined to matters of law, or of irregularity, or unfairness in the proceedings of the Appeal Committee."

The appeal of the Lodge alleged that there was unfairness or some irregularity in the proceedings of the Committee on Appeals, and upon this allegation the Grand Lodge, as appears by the resolution which is the subject of this appeal, has simply referred the matter to a special committee, to see "whether said evidence was or was not sufficient to sustain the action of said Lodge," and this committee do not see that there was anything wrong in this. Section 17, as we view it, appears to provide for this very case. It would certainly be very unfair to decide any case contrary to the evidence, and we should rather regard with favor, than otherwise, a disposition to get at the whole truth, so as to do entire and impartial justice between the parties. We therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be sustained.

NATHAN PORTER,
ROBERT LEBBY,
JAMES WOODYATT,
AARON B. CRANE,
ALF. D. JONES,
GEORGE DAMON,
T. G. BEHARRELL,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals respectfully offer the following report in the case of the appeal of Pacific Lodge, No. 200, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in refusing admission and membership to JULIUS BAUMGARTEN, P. G. of that Lodge, he having presented the proper credentials to entitle him to such membership.

The Appeal Committee of the last session reported sustaining this appeal (see Journal of 1872, page 5525,) the consideration of which report was, on motion of Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, (see Journal of 1872, page 5549,) postponed to the present session, "in order that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania might have an opportunity to furnish further evidence in the case."

A full hearing was given by your committee to all parties concerned, and no evidence having been furnished which could warrant any other conclusion than that arrived at by your committee of last session, viz.:

"The Committee on Appeals, on the foregoing statement of facts, can see no sufficient reason for the refusal to admit Past Grand BAUMGARTEN as a member of the Grand Lodge of this State. He presented the proper certificate of qualification, and so far as the committee have been able to learn from the report and record before them, said Grand Lodge had no authority, upon information of alleged improprieties of conduct of the Past Grand, to reject him. He came a properly accredited Past Grand of his Lodge, and should have been so received."

Your committee fully agree with that committee, that a Grand Lodge is not competent to refuse admission and membership to a Past Grand properly accredited from his Lodge, and therefore ask the adoption of the resolution postponed from last year, viz.:

Resolved, That said JULIUS BAUMGARTEN is entitled to membership in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that the appeal of Pacific Lodge be sustained.

NATHAN PORTER,
ROBERT LEBBY,
AARON B. CRANE,
ALF. D. JONES,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report the following:

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, P. G. M., appeals from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the grounds that said Grand Lodge passed the following resolution, as he claims, in controvention of certain articles of the By-Laws of said Grand Lodge. The resolution is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That where a member appeals from the action of his Lodge, he shall set forth distinctly the reason or reasons for the appeal, and the Committee on Appeals shall not consider any other cause or causes for reversing the action of the Lodge than those distinctly stated in the appeal itself."

The By-Laws which it is claimed the resolution contravenes are as follows:

Article XV, Section 10. "If any member of a Subordinate Lodge shall deem himself aggrieved by the decision of his Lodge, he may appeal to the Grand Lodge, by filing with the Secretary of the Lodge his appeal," etc.

(The section in force in 1871 was the same as Section 10, except, after the last word "appeal," were the words "with the grounds thereof," which required appellants to state the grounds of appeal. When the Grand Lodge adopted its present By-Laws in 1870, the words "with the grounds thereof," were stricken out, which made it the duty of the committee, under Section 9, to consider all the appeals referred to them.)

Section 11, (when an appeal has been referred to the committee.) "They shall examine the proceedings of the Lodge, the charge or charges, the proceedings of the committee that tried the case, and the evidence taken."

Section 12. "Whenever it shall appear that there has been irregularity or informality in the form of the charges and specifications, or in the manner of appointing the committee on trial, or in the appointment of members thereof, or in the proceedings of such committee or of the Lodge, it shall be the duty of the committee to set aside such irregularity and informality, and all subsequent proceedings, and remit the case back for further proceedings."

Section 13. "Whenever it shall appear that incompetent evidence has been introduced, or competent evidence excluded, by the committe on trial, etc., the proceedings of the Lodge shall be reversed, and the case referred back for a new trial."

Section 14. "Whenever it shall appear that the charges, if sustained, are not such as the Lodge by its Constitution or By-Laws, or by the rules and regulations of the Order, can take cognizance of, or that the accused has been once acquitted of the same, or that the evidence given was not sufficient to prove the charges, it shall be the duty of the committee to reverse the proceedings of the Lodge," etc.

It is contended by the appellant that said section 9 directs the Committee on Appeals to examine *all* appeals referred to them, in whatsoever form they may come, and that any one may appeal by simply serving a *notice* of appeal, and that it is a duty of the Grand Lodge, by its Appeal Committee, to examine all the records and papers which may be sent up under section 11, and find out for themselves on what grounds and for what reason the appeal was taken. And, as the law now stands, your committee think that the duty of the Appeal Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is no less than this; and, therefore, to fulfil the requirements of said laws in a State so large as Pennsylvania, it might become a laborious, perhaps impossible duty. From this dilemma it seems that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has sought to relieve itself by the resolution appealed from, which simply requires that a person appealing shall *state his grounds* for appeal, in order that the Grand Lodge (by its committee) may know to what end to examine all these proceedings, papers and records required in section 11. This resolution does not relieve the Appeal Committee from the duties imposed by the several sections of the by-laws, nor take any right from the members, but simply requires the person appealing to perform a certain duty which is usual and necessary in such cases. It was urged before the committee that a great many men are so little used to legal forms, and generally so ignorant about such matters, that they do not know how to state their reasons in taking an appeal, and therefore should not be required to do more than declare that they appeal, and thus impose upon the intelligent men of the appellate body the trouble, by laborious research, of finding out whether there may be *any* grounds for the appeal which may be so easily taken. Your committee believe that the intelligence of the Odd-Fellows of Pennsylvania is greatly underrated in this, and cannot take that view of the subject. The resolution is not inconsistent with the law, and they recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

NATHAN PORTER,
T. G. BEHARRELL,
GEO. DAMON,
ROBERT LEBBY,
AARON B. CRANE,
ALF. D. JONES.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, P. G. M., from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the matter of the appeal of C. W. HOWARD *versus* Ashland Lodge, No. 294, respectfully report:

That they have fully examined the subject, and heard the parties to the appeal, and find that, under the laws of that jurisdiction, "no appeal relative to the non-payment of benefits which may be due, or claimed from a Lodge, shall be acted on when it appears that more than six months have

elapsed from the time the benefits have accrued, or are claimed to have accrued, and the filing of the appeal."

This law would seem to be definite enough, but the case in question was complicated by a previous appeal, which was not decided for over a year, the appellant claiming that he was entitled to benefits by reason of a continued disability, and that he should not be required to make a second appeal, pending the first one, in order to recover such benefits as may accrue during the pendency of the first appeal.

This would, most certainly, leave the affairs of any Lodge in a precarious and unsettled state, and the statute of limitation is intended to have exactly the opposite effect; and it should be the policy of the Order to give it the fullest and widest scope.

The very fact of a Lodge refusing to pay a brother benefits, if not *prima facia* evidence that he is not entitled to receive them, should at least be sufficient notice to him that he was under suspicion, which his own welfare and the good of the Order require should be settled without any unnecessary delay.

The committee are therefore clearly of the opinion, that in all cases of continued sickness, or alleged continued sickness, or disability under the law in question, when the brother intends to claim benefits while his appeal is pending, he should, at the end of the limited time, make a new demand; and upon his Lodge again refusing payment, he must again appeal. We are, therefore, of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was right in the construction of its law, and recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of SAMUEL T. GWINNER, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the matter of the appeal of C. W. HOWARD *vs.* Ashland Lodge, No. 294, be dismissed, and the action of the said Grand Lodge be sustained.

NATHAN PORTER,
J. L. MILTON,
ALF. D. JONES,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
ROBERT LEBBY,
AARON B. CRANE.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of JOHN LINKHANER against the action of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, find the facts in the case to be as follows: The General Law provides by Sections 603, 913 and 1108 of White's Digest: "A brother who is a member in good standing of a Lodge in one State, and at the same time a resident in another State, is a proper candidate for initiation into an Encampment at the place of his residence."

The Constitution for Subordinate Encampments of the State of Tennessee, Article 5, Section 1, requires that applicants shall be contributing members of a Subordinate Lodge, working under a charter from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, or some other State Grand Lodge, *where no Encampment exists.*"

Bro. SALMONSON, a member of Olympic Lodge, No. 207, State of New York, in which State there is an Encampment, although a resident of Tennessee for the past nine years, was elected to membership in Gayoso Encampment, No. 3, State of Tennessee; the said Encampment asked for a dispensation to confer the Encampment Degrees on Bro. SALMONSON; the Grand Patriarch, quoting the local law, refused the dispensation; the

Grand Encampment sustained the action of the Grand Patriarch. The local law conflicts with the general law, and is therefore void and inoperative. Your committee submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be sustained, and the action of the Grand Encampment be reversed.

JAMES WOODYATT,
ROBERT LEBBY,
ALF. D. JONES,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
NATHAN PORTER,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
GEORGE DAMON,
AARON B. CRANE,
J. L. MILTON.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of your Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of WM. D. KENNEDY against the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, differing in opinion from the majority of the committee, presents his views of the case.

The local law of Ontario enacts that at an election of a candidate for membership, either by initiation or deposit of card, more than two black balls reject.

Bro. W. D. KENNEDY made application for admission to the Toronto Lodge, by deposit of card; when the ballot was taken more than two black balls appeared. The Vice Grand, to whom, as well as to the Noble Grand, the ballot box had been taken for examination, declared the candidate rejected. The Noble Grand declared the candidate elected. An appeal was taken from the ruling of the Noble Grand to the Lodge; a majority vote sustained the Noble Grand, and the candidate was introduced as a member. He did not, however, sign the constitution of the Lodge, which is required by the local law. An appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who decided that Bro. KENNEDY was not a member of the Toronto Lodge, and directed said Lodge to hand him back his card and fees, and notify the Lodges in the jurisdiction of his rejection. The Lodge complied with the directions of the Grand Master. An appeal was taken from the action of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which sustained the Grand Master, and it is from the action of said Grand Lodge that this appeal is made.

The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided that when a person has been initiated into the Order, whether his election was legal or not, he must be held to be a member, and that the only mode of dealing with him must be by charges, trial, expulsion, &c.

The reason for such legislation is obvious: the initiate has acquired knowledge and assumed obligations that it would be exceedingly unwise to meddle with by declaring his membership void. He could not be deprived of the knowledge, and he should not be released from the obligation; but in the case of an applicant for membership by deposit of card, the position is entirely different; in such a case as the one here under notice, the party acquired no knowledge, assumed no new obligations; he did not even take upon him the responsibility that would follow the signing the constitution; it therefore seems eminently proper that a law should prevail differing from the law quoted as much as the cases differ, so that improper conduct may be promptly dealt with, and that which is wrong may at once be put right, and that a minority of the members of a Lodge may be efficiently protected.

I respectfully submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario be sustained JAMES WOODYATT

Rep. JONES, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the matter of the appeal of J. M. ALFORD, of Calhoun Lodge, No. 23, of the jurisdiction of Tennessee, make the following report:

That the name of J. M. ALFORD was dropped by order of the Noble Grand, February 9, 1872, from the roll of said Calhoun Lodge, No. 23, for non-payment of dues, as reported to said Lodge by its Permanent Secretary.

The subject was referred to a committee of the Lodge, who reported a total indebtedness of $24.40 by said J. M. ALFORD. They also discovered and audited an account of $18.27, which had been ordered paid, and which said J. M. ALFORD requested to be placed as a credit on his account, but which was never entered upon the books of the Lodge.

He claimed other credits, for which the committee assert they could find no evidence as to when he had rendered service to said Lodge which required payment.

Another committee on the above case reported that the Lodge in 1867, at which time said ALFORD claimed pay for his services as a *pro tem.* Outside Guardian and temporary Secretary, was not paying compensation to its officers for services rendered in said Lodge.

Seven months after said ALFORD had been dropped a third committee was appointed to ascertain how the difference could be settled between the Lodge and said ALFORD.

The committee found vouchers for an additional sum of $1.79, which had been entered upon the books, but was afterwards erased from the books.

As a compromise the Lodge gave credit to said ALFORD with the amount which he claimed to be due him, and, as the committee assert, which placed him beyond being dropped.

The following resolution was then adopted by the Lodge:

Resolved, That the action of the Noble Grand, in dropping from the roll Bro. J. M. ALFORD, for non-payment of dues, at the regular meeting of this Lodge, was an error, from the fact that Bro. J. M. ALFORD, as has been declared by this Lodge, was not credited by all that was due him by this Lodge.

September 13, 1872, the Lodge declared said ALFORD was in full fellowship in the Lodge at the regular meeting of February 9, 1872, and should not have been dropped from the roll by the order of the Noble Grand.

An appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of Tennessee, who decided that the decision of the Noble Grand was erroneous in declaring Bro. J. M. ALFORD dropped from the roll, and affirmed the action of the Subordinate Lodge.

From the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee an appeal is sent to this Grand Lodge for consideration and decision.

The facts presented by the appellants show that the sums of 104 cents and 75 cents had been ordered paid, and that the Treasurer holds the vouchers for their payment.

The credit of $18.27, found to be due said ALFORD, still left him indebted to said Lodge $6.13, and therefore not in good standing, as the annual dues at that date were $6.

The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges of Tennessee are quoted to sustain the Noble Grand in declaring said ALFORD dropped, being article 8, sections 2d and 3d.

Your committee are of the opinion that said J. M. ALFORD was not in good standing at the time he was dropped, and therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Noble Grand of Calhoun Lodge, No. 26, of the jurisdiction of Tennessee, was correct in dropping said J. M. ALFORD from the roll of said Lodge, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in reference to said appeal should be reversed.

ALF. D. JONES,
THOS. G. BEHARRELL,
CHARLES N. HICKOK,
AARON B. CRANE,
ROBERT LEBBY
GEO. DAMON,
J. L MILTON,
JAMES WOODYATT.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations have had under consideration the subject of introducing the Order into Austria. The correspondence of the Grand Secretary with Bro. WOLLHEIM, Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, discloses the fact that a number of worthy men in Vienna have petitioned him for the establishment of a Lodge of this Order at that place; and that Grand Sire WOLLHEIM urges that this Grand Lodge take steps to obtain permission from the Government of Austria to introduce the Order there.

The reasons for establishing the Order in Germany and Switzerland, and other foreign countries, apply equally to Austria, and your committee recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary apply to the Government of Austria for permission to establish this Order within that Empire.

Resolved, That if such permission be granted, then the Grand Sire of "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" be authorized to institute Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of this Order in Austria, and that said Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, when instituted, be attached to the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge of the German Empire, if said subordinates so desire, until further action in the premises by this Grand Lodge.

JOHN B. HARMON,
WM. A. NEWELL,
J. Y. DASHIELL
F. H. RANKIN,
J. H. ROBINSON,
M. C. LIBBY,
JOHN W. McQUIDDY

Bro. ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, from the special committee to whom the subject was referred, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in regard to the decease of P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY, would respectfully report, that as several papers have been

presented to this Grand Lodge from State Grand Bodies, from individual intimate associates of the deceased, and from the eloquent and truthful pen of the distinguished Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, exhaustive in their eulogistic remarks upon the character and worth of the late P. G. Sire as a noble and brilliant example for the emulation of every true-hearted Odd-Fellow, there seems to be little left for your committee to add. The pages of our Journal, for nearly half a century, the ritual of Odd-Fellowship, its onward progress from a small beginning to its present magnitude and importance as one of the great philanthropic movements of the age, have been enriched and accelerated by the faithful labors, the untiring energy, the true devotion to its principles of the illustrious dead whose loss we so much deplore.

Your committee would recommend that at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge a eulogy be delivered upon the life and character of the deceased P. G. Sire, and that the Grand Lodge appoint a special committee, at its present session, to prepare and present a more substantial token of its esteem, if, in the opinion of the committee, the same be desirable.

The committee append the following resolutions for the consideration of this Grand Body:

Resolved, That in the death of P. G. Sire JOHN A. KENNEDY, this Grand Lodge painfully recognizes the loss of the eminent services of a faithful adviser, a firm and consistent legislator, and a true, earnest and devoted Odd-Fellow.

Resolved, That in the daily beauty of his life were exemplified those ever-living principles that build up and sustain great philanthropies, elevate the moral tone of society, and harmonize those conflicting and discordant elements that sap the foundation of all institutions, both human and divine.

Resolved, That the officers and members of this Grand Lodge deeply sympathize with the afflicted widow of the deceased, and commend her with filial trust to the protecting care of Him who has promised to be the widow's God and a father to the fatherless.

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to select an orator, and to carry out the recommendations contained in this report.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. ELLISON,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
J. P. SANDERS,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
FRED. D. STUART.

Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the communication of W. L. H. OWENS, of Dakota Territory, setting forth the great inconvenience to the members of the Order in that Territory by reason of its isolated position, and the expense attending the visits of the Deputy Grand Sire, with a request for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in that jurisdiction, would respectfully offer the following resolution as being all the legislation needed:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized to issue, upon the unanimous application of the Subordinate Lodges of Dakota, a dispensation for a Grand Lodge in that Territory; provided that no ex-

pense for representation be incurred by this Grand Lodge until there shall be ten Subordinate Lodges in said Territory. Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY,
R. M. JOHNSON,
D. G. PALMER.

The Grand Lodge now, in pursuance of the special order to that effect, resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Committee of Revision, who are not entitled to per diem and mileage under the laws of this Grand Lodge, and who are present at this session in the discharge of their duties as such committee, be entitled to the same pay as representatives.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Rep. DEWOLF, of Indiana, for the remainder of the session.

Rep. NOLTNER, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

WHEREAS there being at present six Subordinate Lodges in Idaho Territory, with thirty-one Past Grands, and nine Lodges in Washington Territory, with thirty-three Past Grands, and believing that it will be the result of great good to the Order within these Territories to have Grand Lodges organized within their Territories, therefore, be it

Resolved, That charters for the organization, (upon proper application being made by five Lodges within the respective Territories,) be and hereby are granted by this Grand Lodge; *Provided*, that this Grand Lodge shall not incur any expense for a Grand Representative until they acquire the constitutional number of Lodges (10) within their respective jurisdictions.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following papers, viz.:

1. A resolution (page 5793 Journal) introduced by Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, proposing a rescission of the action of this Grand Body, in the years 1847–49, by which "Indians and persons of mixed blood" are excluded from membership, and asking that the subject-matter be transferred to the several State Jurisdictions:

2. A petition from Excelsior Lodge of Honolulu, praying a modification of the constitutional restriction of membership in the Order on account of color, so as to allow the admission of persons half white and native Hawaiians; and also,

3. A petition from sundry citizens of the city of New Haven and State of Connecticut—

Would respectfully report, that the legislation invoked involves an amendment of Section 2, Article XVI, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, which this Grand Body has repeatedly refused to entertain, and which this committee, if within their province to make recommendations on the subject of constitutional amendments, cannot endorse.

They, therefore, respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the whole subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
SEATON GALES,
M. E. WILCOX,
E. J HAMILTON,
W. RICHARDSON
J. R. TOMPKINS,
GEORGE EDWARDS.

Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, members of the Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, found on page 5784 Journal.

Also the petition from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu, presented by Rep. WHITE, of Nevada, found on page 5793 Journal.

Also the petition of sundry citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, referred to on page 5823 Journal, would respectfully report that they have fully considered the subjects of the petitions and sincerely regret that they cannot concur in the conclusions arrived at by the majority of the committee in their report on these subjects to this R. W. Grand Body. We believe that it is not only within the province, but that it is even the duty of every committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to make such recommendations, from time to time, as they may think will be for the advancement of Odd-Fellowship.

The undersigned regret exceedingly that the Constitution conflicts with the humane and beautiful sentiments of universal fraternity so often expressed on the pages of our Ritual, and they look forward with pleasure to the time, as they believe not far distant, when all variance now existing between our Constitution and Ritual will be removed, and that our laws and principles will be in perfect harmony, thus opening the way for the extension of the benign principles of our beloved Order, as taught in our Ritual, and that Odd-Fellowship shall embrace within its fold the universal family of man.

While the undersigned entertain these views of Odd-Fellowship, yet they do not believe it would be for the harmony or welfare of Odd-Fellowship in the United States for this R. W. Grand Body, at the present time, to grant the request of all these petitions referred to the Legislative Committee. But in view of the fact that Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu, has been frequently called upon, during the period of more than a quarter of a century, to relieve the wants and distress of sick and unfortunate brothers from almost every part of the United States, and that said Excelsior Lodge and its members have ever cheerfully and nobly responded to these calls, which taken in connection with the location and peculiar surroundings of said Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, the undersigned believe the said Lodge is entitled to more than ordinary consideration at the hands of this R. W. Grand Body, and we most respectfully recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu, praying that this R. W.

Grand Body would grant a charter to a Grand Lodge, to be established on the Hawaiian Islands, be instructed to report in favor of said petition.

MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN.

Rep. McKINSTRY, of Alabama, from the Committee on History of Odd-Fellowship, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on the History of Odd-Fellowship, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as refers to the History of Odd-Fellowship, (see pages 5806, 5807 and 5887 Journal,) beg leave to report:

That they have considered the suggestions and recommendations of the Grand Sire, and find that they have had the good fortune to recommend to this Grand Lodge, (see page 5762 Journal,) at a former day of the session of this Grand Lodge, views similar to those presented by the Grand Sire, and the views so presented by your committee have been adopted by this Grand Lodge.

It is gratifying to us to know that this Grand Lodge should have arrived at the same conclusions with the Grand Sire, under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
THOS. C PORTER,
J. S. TICKNOR,
HENRY LINDENBERG,
J. ALEX. SIMPSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule·

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, page 5856 of the Journal, as follows, viz., "That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report to this R. W. Grand Lodge whether the action of this Grand Lodge relative to remitting the subject of voting twice in a trial, to local legislation, (session 1868, page 4368,) is or is not the law of this Grand Lodge, the same having been omitted from White's Digest," report, that the subject-matter of voting upon "penalties after conviction," referred to in the resolution of Rep. SMITH, is now in the hands of the Judiciary Committee, and the law on the subject will be settled by their report and the action of this Grand Lodge thereon at this session. They will, however, say that, in their judgment, the question as to whether any decision of this Grand Lodge is law or not, does not at all depend upon the fact whether it is or is not to be found in White's, or any other Digest, that being a mere compilation.

JNO. H. WHITE,
WM. R. McLEAN,
GEO. H. OLNEY,
W. T. CURRY,
W. C. WILSON,
E. G. COX.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, of Dakota Territory, will report a concurrence in said Constitution and By-Laws, except the following parts, viz.: Strike from Article II, Section 1, sixth line, "nor over forty-five years;" from Section 7, "of the matter of objection communicated by the Noble Grand, and upon their report the final ballot shall be taken;" from Section 8, the first clause to the word "but." Strike from Article IV, Section 7, in third line, "developed after," and insert "occurring before;" strike from fourth line, "but occurring before." Amend Section 8, paragraph 6, "A member under charges cannot be tried on said charges during his absence, but may be tried for contempt. Paragraph 7—"Absent brothers under charges must be *cited* to appear." Amend Section 10 by requiring a ballot before punishment. Strike from Section 11 the last two lines, "indefinite suspension not admissible." Strike out the word "final," in connection with cards, and insert "withdrawal."

With the above corrections, this report is fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
T. B. NEEDLES,
J. W. SARGENT,
JAMES TURNER,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
WM. J. MILLER,
J. D. TRAPP.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution and accompanying amendments of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, beg leave to report that, in conjunction with Representative LINDENBERG, of Ohio, much time has been bestowed upon the work and has resulted in the approval of all of the amendments proposed except the following:

Article III, Section 1. Strike out the following: "When less than three black balls are cast the ballot shall be postponed to the next regular meeting," and insert in place thereof: "When less than five black balls are cast the ballot shall be postponed to the next regular meeting." Strike out in the same section: "But if the objections are stated * * * * a new ballot shall be had, and if not more than two black balls are cast the candidate shall be declared elected," and insert in place thereof: "But if the objections are stated * * * * a new ballot shall be had, and if not more than three black balls are cast the candidate shall be declared elected.

Article III. Strike out section 2 and insert in place thereof: "Section 2. A reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can take place only. 1. When all brothers who voted against the petitioner voluntarily move a reconsideration. 2. When the question of reconsideration has been decided by ballot. 3. When a majority of the members vote in its favor. In the next succeeding meeting a second ballot shall take place, and if not more than two black balls are cast the candidate shall be elected."

Article V, Section 1. Strike out (line 15–18) "It" [the Lodge] "shall be immediately reopened, for the purpose of balloting on the degrees applied for, beginning with the lowest."

Article VIII of By-Laws. New Section 8. "Members who do not attend Lodge meetings to which they have been specially invited, shall, unless excused, pay a fine of 25 cents."

Your committee will remark that a leniency has been extended to portions of the amendments proposed, from a conviction that the laws of Switzerland are peculiar in regard to secret associations; hence the necessity for toleration on our part. For the above reasons the report is

Fraternally submitted.

HUGH LATHAM,
J. W. SARGENT,
T. B. NEEDLES,
JAMES TURNER,
F. G. SCHWATKA,
W. J. MILLER,
J. D. TRAPP.

Rep. MEDOLE, of New York, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, to whom was recommitted their former report, page 5859, for the purpose of amending the same, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing Supplies, to whom was recommitted their report, found on page 5859 Journal, for amendment, would respectfully submit the same report, with the following resolutions in lieu of the resolutions previously reported:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a subordinate in his office, to be called the "Assistant Grand Secretary," who shall be a competent book-keeper, who shall have charge of all supplies furnished by this Grand Lodge, receiving and disbursing the same. The said officer to be under the control of, and removable by the R. W. Grand Secretary; and in addition to the above services, he shall perform, generally, such duties as the R. W. Grand Secretary may direct. For such services he shall receive an annual salary not to exceed two thousand dollars, payable quarterly.

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger appointed by the Grand Sire, as provided by Section 2, Article III, of Constitution, shall act as office messenger to the Grand Secretary, and who shall receive an annual salary not exceeding one thousand dollars, payable quarterly.

Resolved, That all acts or resolutions conflicting with the above resolutions be and the same are repealed.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to have a complete inventory of the available supplies on hand made immediately after the close of this session.

JOHN MEDOLE,
THEO. A. ROSS,
J. P. SANDERS,
A. L. SPEAR.

On motion, the rule was suspended and the report considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. EARL, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

"And that the Grand Secretary shall be responsible to this Grand Lodge for the faithful discharge of the duties of his subordinates."

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee and accompanying resolutions, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. ROBINSON, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed (of which the Grand Chaplain shall be chairman) to prepare a form of funeral ceremony for the use of this Order, with leave to report at the session of this Grand Lodge in 1874.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. EARL, of Ohio, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That no Lodge, Encampment or Degree Lodge shall hold any meeting (except for funeral purposes) on the day known as the Jewish Sabbath.

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter no printed or written communications from Grand or Subordinate Lodges, immediately under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, will be considered, unless the same shall be presented before the close of the third day of each annual session.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee to whom was referred the appeal of D. W. STONE, P. G. of Hudson Lodge, No. 14, from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey, respectfully report, that the question involved in this appeal is the proper construction of the following by-law of Hudson Lodge, viz.: "Every brother who has been initiated into this Lodge for three months, or who has become a member thereof by deposit of card, and is not disqualified by Article VIII of these laws, shall, in case of being rendered incapable, by sickness or accident, of following his usual occupation, or doing any manner of work by which he can earn a subsistence, be entitled to and shall receive," &c. The Grand Lodge decided, in effect, that those admitted to membership *by deposit of card* must remain members for three months before they could be entitled to benefits, and from this decision the appeal is taken.

In the opinion of your committee, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey placed a wrong construction on the article quoted, and we therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of D.W. STONE be sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey reversed.

NATHAN PORTER,
AARON B. CRANE,
ROBERT LEBBY,
A. W. JONES,
T. G. BEHARRELL,
JAMES WOODYATT,
C. N. HICKOK,
J. L. MILTON,
GEO. DAMON.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of JOSEPH B. FITHIAN, of Kansas, praying for an order of this R. W. Grand Lodge to compel the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to try certain charges preferred by said FITHIAN against MYRON P. LINDSLEY, late Grand Master of that jurisdiction, would respectfully report, that after a careful consideration of the matter, the committee are not satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin has failed or refused to do anything which it should have done. Besides, the whole proceeding seems to be irregular, and without any good foundation. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY,
D. G. PALMER,
R. M. JOHNSON,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, the Lodge now proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5844, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of allowing Subordinate Encampments to elect Financial Scribes, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5846, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of E. J. PECK, from the action of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5847, from the same committee, on the appeal of S. G. PRESTON, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5848, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Quebec, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5849, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of SAMUEL F. FARIS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved to strike out of the resolution all after the word "be," and insert the word "confirmed," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report—

Rep. EDWARDS, of West Virginia, moved to postpone the consideration of the subject until the next session, which was not agreed to, and the report and resolution was adopted.

The next report, page 5850, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of Nevada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of W. RICHARDSON, of Texas, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered.

The question being to adopt the report—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to recommit, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report—

Rep. HARCOURT, of Texas, moved to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas be sustained, as the Subordinate Lodge had a right to donate its funds to a deceased brother's widow for funeral purposes.

The question again being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5851, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution and By-Laws of Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Montana, and Echo Lodge, No. 2, Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5852, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of E. CROFTON, Past Grand of Washington Lodge, No.

2, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5853, from the same committee, on the appeal of M. J. REILY, Past Grand, of Lawrence Lodge, No. 62, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5855, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of requiring Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to refuse dismissal certificates to "unbecoming Odd-Fellows," was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5856, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the warrants issued to Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, Dakota, and Mizpah Lodge, No 3, Montreal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of W. D. KENNEDY, Past Grand, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was considered.

On motion of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, the further consideration of the report was postponed for the present, to be taken up in connection with the minority report, page 5925, on the same subject.

The next report, page 5857, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the warrants of Fellenberg Lodge, No. 3, Berne, Switzerland; also, Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, at Winnepeg, Manitoba; also, Alemania Lodge, No. 2, Dresden, Saxony; also, Lessing Encampment, No. 1, Dresden, Saxony; also, Star Encampment, No. 5, Georgetown, Colorado; also, Callao Lodge, No. 2, of Callao, Peru; also, Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, of Pensacola, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5858, from the same committee, authorizing a charter for a Grand Lodge in the Territory of Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5860, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, relative to useless articles in the Grand Secretary's office, and the proper disposition of the same, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5879, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5880, from the same committee, calling attention of all jurisdictions to the requirements of White's Digest, relative to the proper authentication of amendments to the Constitution, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Degree of Rebekah, on the reports made of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, and recommending a form for the same, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5882, from the Committee on Petitions, granting a charter to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, at Victoria, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5883, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. WASHBURN, of Tennessee, to extend the term of office in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the letter received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; also, from Rev. Bro. JAS. SHRIGLEY, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and the general correspondence of the Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5884, from the Committee on Returns of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5886, from the Committee on Petitions, referring to the condition of Odd-Fellowship in Idaho, Washington, Arizona and Wyoming Territories, to the Legislative Committee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5887, from the Legislative Committee, on the condition of the Order in the territories of Utah, &c., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5889, from the same committee, on the report of the Grand Secretary, suggesting necessary legislation for carrying out Article X of By-Laws, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of the Representatives of Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 2, *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5891, being the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5900, from the Committee on Printing, was considered and adopted.

Rep. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed at the last session of your R. W. Grand Body, on the subject of a form of ceremony to be observed at the celebration of the anniversary of Odd-Fellowship, respectfully report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, but having had no opportunity for consultation until this session, and feeling the importance of the work committed to them, and desiring to present such a form as will have at least the unanimous concurrence of your committee, they respectfully ask to be continued.

R. A. LAMBERTON,
JOHN B. HARMON,
E. GOVER COX,
JOHN W. CARTER,
FRED. D. STUART,
JNO. F. HAVENNER.

The Chair presented the following communication, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

BALTIMORE, September 1, 1873.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

ESTEEMED GENTLEMEN AND DEAR BROTHERS: I beg leave to address the present to you, hoping the importance of the matter will be my best excuse for troubling you with it. Having had the honor of being D. D. Grand Sire for the Republic of Switzerland, and Noble Grand of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, in Zurich, and after resigning my office as United States Consular Agent in St. Gall, coming over here to this country, before I started, my Lodges, (especially Helvetia Lodge, No. 1,) furnished me with general powers of attorney to represent personally before your honorable body their interests, and to assist their application, sent by Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, in Zurich, to the R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary concerning a loan, (which has already been before you,) by explaining and stating things and circumstances, etc., to you.

To that effect I came here Tuesday, the 16th instant, to try to do the best I possibly could. I took the liberty, not being entitled to a seat, of addressing a letter on the 17th instant to you, which I hereby acknowledge, requesting you to assist kindly my efforts, and to give me at least a chance to explain and state things in particular. In the meantime I had the pleasure to have an interview with the respected committee concerning our application, but it was without any result up to this time. After being here now since Tuesday last, and having gained nothing in regard to my mission before the end of your session, I have no other means except the pen to ask you, respectfully, to be so kind as to grant me at least the satisfaction, which I must have to prove to my Lodges, that I did not neglect to discharge my duty, concerning their confidence given to me.

Praying you will kindly excuse my haste in writing this, I remain, esteemed gentlemen and dear brothers, ever yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth, faithfully,

CHAS. HEINRICH,
P. D. D. G. S. and P. G.

Rep. LINDENBERG, from the special committee to which had been referred the application for a charter for a Grand Lodge in Switzerland, asked leave to be discharged from the consideration of the subject, by reason of the improper reference of the same, and that it be referred to the Committee on Petitions, which was granted, and the reference to the Committee on Petitions was accordingly ordered.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a charter for Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, at Salt Lake City; also, the petition of said Encampment, through E. M. BARNUM, its Chief Patriarch, praying that it may be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California; also, the petition of Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, through E. M. BARNUM, its Noble Grand, asking that said Lodge be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and that the action of said Lodge heretofore, in recognizing said Grand Lodge of Nevada as its proper head, be approved; would respectfully report, that after a careful consideration of the whole matter, the committee have come to the conclusion that the prayer of the petition in each case should be granted, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to said Encampment, and that it be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California.

Resolved, That Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and that its action heretofore in recognizing said Grand Lodge, as its immediate head, by making reports and paying dues to the same, be hereby legalized and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
WM. H. FOULK,
R. M. JOHNSON
J. K. BUNDY

Rep. LINDENBERG, of Ohio from the special committee to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your special committee, to whom was referred a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and a letter from Grand Secretary ALTVATER, of that jurisdiction, would report that they have examined the documents referred to them. The Journal of Proceedings embraces a special session, held on the 6th of July, at Berlin, and the second annual session, held at Stuttgart, August 20–26. It is a most interesting document, and gives ample evidence of the earnestness and zeal that animate the brethren to whose watchful care the interests of Odd-Fellowship in Germany have been intrusted.

We find that on the 1st of July, 1873, there existed in Germany the following Lodges:—Germania, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia; Borussia, No. 2, Berlin, Prussia; Teutonia, No. 3, Berlin, Prussia; Templar, No. 4, Berlin, Prussia; Concordia, No. 5, Berlin, Prussia; Humboldt, No. 6, Berlin, Prussia; Leibnitz, No. 7, Hannover, Prussia; Socrates, No. 8, Berlin, Prussia; Roland, No. 9, Hildesheim, Prussia: Silesia, No. 10, Goerlitz, Prussia; Saxonia, No. 1, Dresden, Saxony; Alemannia, No. 2, Dresden, Saxony; Bavaria, No. 1, Munich, Bavaria; Wurttemberg, No. 1, Stuttgart, Wurttemberg; Donau, No. 2, Ulm, Wurttemberg; Schiller, No. 3, Stuttgart, Wurttem-

berg. Sixteen in number; and five Encampments, as follows: Farnsworth, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia; Victoria, No. 2, Berlin, Prussia; Copernikus, No. 3, Hannover, Prussia; Lessing, No. 1, Dresden, Saxony · Uhland, No. 1, Stuttgart, Wurttemberg.

The membership of the Lodges on the 1st of July, 1873, is reported at 869, (two Lodges not reporting,) being an increase of 233 since the 1st of January of the same year. The receipts of the Lodges were between $7000 and $8000, showing a healthy financial condition.

We regard it as a happy coincidence that the Grand Lodge of the German Empire has selected as its standard-bearer the brother who, in the Grand Lodge of Oregon, originated the movement which has resulted in the establishment of the Order in Europe. The mantle of authority was worthily worn by Grand Sire WOLLHEIM, and it could not have been bestowed more appropriately than when it fell upon the shoulders of Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM, Past Grand Representative of Oregon. The other officers are: M. OERNHEIM, of Stuttgart, Deputy Grand Sire; WILH. ALTVATER, of Berlin, Grand Secretary; O. SCHAETTLE, of Stuttgart, Grand Treasurer; S. SPIRO, of Berlin, Grand Marshal; R. ZSCHALER, of Dresden, Grand Chaplain; C. HUNN, Jr., of Berlin, Grand Guardian.

The names of these brothers are familiar to all of us, for their aid and co-operation made possible the accomplishment of the brilliant results that have made the memory of JOHN F. MORSE immortal in the annals of Odd-Fellowship.

The business transacted during the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire was mainly of local character. We find the following of general interest.

At the special session, held July 6, a charter was granted for a Grand Lodge of the District of Brandenburg, which was instituted on the same day. This is the first Subordinate Grand Lodge in German.

At the annual session a resolution was adopted, asking that the Grand Lodge of the United States permit the Grand Lodge of the German Empire to print visiting cards in the German language, said cards to be used exclusively within the jurisdiction of the petitioner. This matter has, during the early part of the session, been placed in the hands of the Legislative Committee, who have reported to you thereon.

At the same session a resolution was adopted, and appropriation made for the purpose of establishing a library of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire. The resolution asks for the transmission of proceedings, etc., by the officers of Grand Bodies on this continent. We have no doubt that the request will be cheerfully complied with. We offer for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary be requested to convey to the officers of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire our thanks for the courtesy shown in the early transmission of documents.

Resolved, That the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary be requested to transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, for the library of that body, a full set of the bound Journals of this Grand Lodge. Respectfully submitted.

HENRY LINDENBERG,
LEWIS SILBER,
H. C. FUHRMANN,
G. NUNGESSER.

Rep. HARMON, of California, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary relative to Australia, report:

In a growing country like Australia, with an intelligent and vigorous people like the English, there is no longer any necessity for certain restrictions in the charter of the Grand Lodge of that country.

We recommend that the clause in that charter, which reads: "That the qualifications for membership in the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge of Australia shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States," be stricken out.

JOHN B. HARMON,
J. C. DASHIELL,
M. C. LIBBY,
J. H. ROBINSON,
JOHN W. McQUIDDY,
W. A. NEWELL,
F. H. RANKIN.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to a special committee of three:

WHEREAS this Grand Lodge having wisely adopted a liberal and far-reaching system of propagandism of the principles and work of American Odd-Fellowship, which has happily resulted in extending the borders of our beloved institution beyond the land of its inception, and into countries at the very antipodes from the place of its birth, and it being in consonance with the progressive spirit of our Order to favor and foster such instrumentalities as have a tendency to still more widely and generally disseminate our Order's teachings and principles, and for the aid and encouragement of our brethren in foreign lands, comparatively isolated, and denied the enjoyment of the privileges and advantages with which we at home are so bountifully blest; therefore be it

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States subscribe for one hundred copies of the "Gems of Odd-Fellowship," compiled and edited by EDWARD P. NOWEL, P. G., at one dollar and fifty cents per copy, the same to be fraternally donated to our brethren in Australia, South America, and other foreign jurisdictions in such proportions as Grand Secretary RIDGELY shall deem advisable, the same to be forwarded to their respective destinations with the copies of the revised Journal of this session.

The Chair named as the committee provided for by the resolution:

Reps. SMITH, of Illinois; MCLEAN, of District of Columbia, and RICH, of Maine.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee submit the following statement of the estimated receipts and expenditures of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of R. W. Grand Treasurer, Sept. 16, 1873	$23,472 40
From representative tax	9,750 00
From sale of cards	7,000 00
From sale of odes	800 00
From sale of diplomas	400 00
From sale of books	10,000 00
From sale of dismissal cards and Rebekah cards	100 00
For charter fees	300 00
For dues from subordinates	1,200 00
From interest on bonds	1,650 00
	$54,672 40

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES.

For mileage and per diem to officers and representatives		$20,000 00
For printing daily Journal		1,500 00
For printing revised Journal		6,000 00
For printing books		3,000 00
For printing odes and cards		500 00
For printing Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's reports		1,000 00
For salary of Grand Secretary		3,000 00
For salary of Assistant to Grand Secretary, book-keeper		2,000 00
To pay the unsetttled claims of estate of James Young		350 00
For pay to special Assistants to Grand Secretary, as much as may be necessary		1,000 00
For rent and fuel of Grand Secretary's office		600 00
For contingent fund and incidentals		1,000 00
For expenses of Committee on Revision of the Work, as follows:		
John W. Stokes	$22 00	
C. N. Hickok	45 90	
E. Gover Cox	30 60	
Hugh Latham	35 30	
W. R. McLean	34 60	
F. D. Stuart	40 60	
J. L. Ridgely	30 60	
James P. Sanders	39 80	
		279 40
For expenses of Committee on Printing Supplies:		
Alex. L. Spear	42 60	
James P. Sanders	65 70	
Theo. A Ross	60 30	
Fred. D. Stuart	54 60	
James L. Ridgely	42 60	
Joshua Vansant	6 00	
John Medole	61 20	
		333 00
For expenses as per appropriation for the services of Historiographer		3,000 00
For expenses of Hugo Wollheim's trip from New York to Baltimore		60 00
For expenses of Rev. Bro. Heddaeus for translating charge-book		100 00
For printing and binding 1000 copies of the whole Journals, or so much as may be necessary		3,500 00
For indexing Vols. 6, 7 and 8 of Journal, or so much as may be necessary		300 00
For J. F. Schweitzer, services at this session		50 00
		$47,572 40

The committee have had before them an unsettled account, presented by the estate of James Young, amounting to the sum of $1,000.25. From the best information your committee could obtain, we think there is some mistake in the said account, and there really should not be paid on the same more than $350.

The committee, therefore, would recommend the allowance of that sum, in full settlement of said claim.

We offer also the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, That the sum of $47,572.40, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent and for the purposes as hereinabove expressed; and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to draw his warrants upon the R. W. Grand Treasurer therefor, at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay proper bills as presented.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be directed to invest in United States Government bonds, out of the surplus funds of the R. W. Grand Lodge, such sums, from time to time, as in his judgment may be for the best interests of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to sell, from time to time, such portion of the coupon bonds of this Grand Lodge as may be necessary to pay the warrants of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
M. M. ESTEE,
LEVI EMPIE,
ISRAEL HARRIS,
JAMES YORSTON,
A. NOLTNER,
JOHN MEDOLE,
J. C. SMITH,
L. C. TILLOTSON.

Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, moved the following, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That some person, to be named by the Committee on Printing Supplies, be authorized and directed to have the Subordinate Degree book, the Rebekah Degree book, the Degree Lodge Installation, the Grand Lodge Charge book, the Subordinate Encampment Charge book, and the Grand Encampment Charge book, adopted as the unwritten work of the Order, at this session, printed in style and character of workmanship similar to former editions.

Resolved, That the above named works shall go into effect, and shall be the work of the Order in all Degree Lodges, Subordinate Encampments, Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, on and after the 1st day of January, 1874, and that the Grand Secretary furnish the several jurisdictions and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, with the above named books of charges and forms at the prices heretofore charged for such books; and further, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to forward to the Grand Sire of the German Empire, and to Special Deputy H. VINE, of Australasia, copies of the various books above named.

Resolved, That the names of the Representatives who are members of this Grand Lodge, at this sesssion, be put in the various books as heretofore.

Resolved, That $...., or as much thereof as may be needed, be appropriated to carry out the foregoing resolution, and also to pay for the services of the person employed to edit the work.

Rep. SHIPLEY, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution presented by Rep. NOLTNER, of Oregon, setting forth the fact that there are at present six Subordinate Lodges in Idaho Territory, with thirty-one Past Grands; and nine Subordinate Lodges in Washington Territory, with thirty-three Past Grands, and representing that it is believed great good will result from the organization of a Grand Lodge in each of said Territories, would offer for your consideration the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized to issue a dispensation for a Grand Lodge of the Territory of Idaho, upon the unanimous application of the Lodges now in existence there; *provided*, that this Grand Lodge shall not incur any expense for a Grand Representative until there shall have been established ten Subordinate Lodges in said Territory.

Resolved, That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized to issue, upon the unanimous application of the Lodges now existing in Washington Territory, a dispensation for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in said Territory; *provided*, that this Grand Lodge incur no expense for a Grand Representative from said Grand Lodge until ten Subordinate Lodges have been established under its jurisdiction

Respectfully submitted.

EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
J. F. ALEXANDER,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY,
R. M. JOHNSON.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire made during the recess, and so much of his report as relates to Mutual Aid Associations, respectfully report that they recommend the approval of the 1st, 4th, 5th and 7th decisions as correct expositions of the law. The second decision is also approved, but in order that it may be correctly understood, it is necessary that a statement of facts should be made.

The Noble Grand of a Lodge declared a brother dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues. The Lodge subequently took action and reversed this decision of the Noble Grand, and the minority appealed to the Grand Lodge, which was confirmatory of the action of the Lodge. The minority then appealed to the Grand Lodge of the United States. A statement of the case was made on behalf of the minority and presented to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction, who was requested to suspend the reinstatement of the brother pending the appeal. The Grand Master declined for want of power, and presented the case to the Grand Sire, who decided that the decision of the Grand Lodge upon the matter must stand until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States; and hence that the

brother remained a member of the Lodge, not suspended or dropped from the roll. This decision was undoubtedly correct. See Digest, sections 100, 816.

The third decision your committee cannot sanction, and recommend that it be reversed. The general principle is the same as is involved in the preceding, but the decision is directly the reverse. It is necessary also to state the facts in this case. "A Subordinate Lodge refuses benefits to a member. The Grand Lodge of the State reversed the decision. The subordinate takes an appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States." The question is does the appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States stop the payment of the benefits? The Grand Sire decides that "the action of the subordinate body is conclusive until reversed by the highest tribunal to which it appeals. In the case mentioned, the subordinate refused payment, and appeals were taken, first to the Grand Lodge of the State, and then to the Grand Lodge of the United States, the question being still undecided against the subordinate. There is no law compelling it to make an adverse decision against itself by payment of the dues against its own construction of law or duty."

This is wrong. The appeal did *not* remain undecided against the subordinate, as is assumed by the Grand Sire. The State Grand Lodge *did* decide against the subordinate, and said that the brother was entitled to benefits, and the subordinate was bound to obey the mandate of its superior, the State Grand Lodge, and in the absence of any local law providing for a stay of proceedings pending the appeal, was bound to pay the benefits, in accordance with the decision, on payment being demanded. State Grand Lodges may undoubtedly provide for a stay pending an appeal in such cases, or for the payment of the amount due into the State Grand Lodge to abide the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The decision of the Grand Lodge, above referred to in the Digest, Section 100, fully establishes this principle. If it be said the Lodge may not be able to recover back the money in case the Grand Lodge of the United States decides in its favor, we answer that this is the fault of the local authorities in not providing for a stay of proceedings in such cases.

The sixth decision is correct, and is fully set forth and disposed of in the report of the Legislative Committee, page 5887 Journal.

In conclusion we have but to say that we deem it inexpedient at this time to legislate upon the subject of Mutual Aid Associations. It seems better to wait and see the result of the experiments made in that direction by the voluntary associations now organized for mutual assistance.

JOHN H. WHITE,
WM. R. McLEAN,
ISAAC SIDES,
W. T. CURRY,
L. K. BARBER,
GEO. H. OLNEY,
E. GOVER COX,
W. C. WILSON,
JOHN H. JAY

The Chair named the following committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. ROBINSON, of Virginia:

Committee on Funeral Service.—Rev. J. W. VENABLE, Grand Chaplain; Reps. ROBINSON, of Virginia; DOWDEN, of Kentucky; HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; WILCOX, of Tennessee.

Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, moved the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be directed to nominate to this Grand Lodge a person to act in the capacity of Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 20, 1873—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

M. J. DURHAM.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding.
JNO. W. STOKES.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Sec.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
ALBERT COHEN.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

WILLIAM ELLISON.....Massachusetts.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....New York.
E. D. FARNSWORTH.....Tennessee.
FRED. D. STUART.....District of Columbia.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, examined the representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by further order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. MARIS, of Delaware, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, presented, on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, to the library of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a splendidly bound copy of the complete Journal of that Grand Body, from 1849, 1870, inclusive, embellished with a portrait of JAMES WOOD, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Representative, containing also a very interesting historical sketch of the Order.

Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, moved to reconsider the vote had adopting

the third resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, in relation to printing visiting cards for the use of the sisters of Rebekah, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Section 491 of the Digest, which reads: "The charge of the Royal Purple degree, succeeding the obligation, cannot be conferred on more than one Patriarch at the same time," and all laws which conflict with the Ritual for Subordinate Encampments, adopted at this session, be and they are hereby repealed.

On motion of Rep. Simpson, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 5856, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Wm. D. Kennedy, of Ontario, was considered in connection with the minority report on the same case, page 5925.

Rep. Carter, of Ohio, moved the adoption of the majority report, and the question being on that motion—

Rep. Woodyatt, of Ontario, moved to amend by striking out the word "majority" and inserting the word "minority," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the majority report—

Bro. Stuart, Past Grand Sire, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until the next session, to enable the jurisdiction of Ontario to file an additional record, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 5902, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of the conflict between the eighth rule of order of the Grand Lodge and the constitution, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, to whom was recommitted their former report on the subject of authorizing the Grand Lodge of the German Empire to print visiting and withdrawal cards in the German language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5903, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. Smith, of Illinois, touching the granting of certificates to members severing their connection with Lodges or Encampments, by written resignation, was considered. The question being on the doption of the report—

Rep. Smith, of Illinois, moved to recommit with instructions to the committee to report in conformity to the resolution of Rep.

SMITH, which was not agreed to, and the question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. NEALLEY, of Maine, concerning the resumption of the numbers of extinct Lodges which have remained extinct over fifteen years, was considered. The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. NEALLEY, of Maine, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolved" in the resolution and inserting the following:

"That any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment may regulate the matter of the numbers of extinct Subordinate Lodges or Encampments in their respective jurisdictions that have been extinct more than twenty years, and any law that conflicts with this resolution is hereby repealed."

The amendment was agreed to, and the report as amended was adopted.

The next report, page 5904, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, page 5784 Journal, relative to the translation of the work into the Norwegian language, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, confirming the charter of the Grand Encampment of Colorado, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5905, from the Committee on Education, on so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to schools and asylums, was considered. The question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the negative.

The next report, page 5906, from the Committee on Dues and Benefits, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5915, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolutions of Rep. POND, of Connecticut, page 5823, and the report on page 5551 revised Journal, relating to the membership of Daughters of Rebekah, was considered. A division of the question was asked.

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution accompanying the report it was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution it was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution it was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the fourth resolution it was adopted.

The question being on the fifth resolution it was adopted.

The next report, page 5916, from the Committee on Finance, on the subject of preparing an index to Vols. 6, 7 and 8, and publishing a new edition from Vol. 1 to 6, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and accompanying resolutions—

A division of the question was asked for, and the question being on the first resolution it was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the second resolution—

Rep. WASHBURN, of Tennessee, moved to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

WHEREAS, by a standing rule of this Grand Body, (on page 5621 Journal of 1872,) the Grand Corresponding Secretary is directed to present to each Grand Representative one copy of the bound revised Journal and Digest; and whereas the supply of the bound Journal is exhausted—

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to procure one thousand copies of said revised Journal.

Resolved, That the sum of $ ..... is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

The question recurring on the second resolution it was adopted.

The next report, page 5917, from the Committee on Petitions, recommending a charter for an Encampment at Forrest city, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Correspondence, directing the Corresponding and Recording Secretary to transmit a salutatory epistle to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5918, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. SIMPSON, of Pennsylvania, that Lodges shall send their members and their wives to the Rebekah Degree Lodge to have the Degree conferred upon them, was considered in connection with the minority report on the same subject, page 5884. The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. HAMLIN, of Massachusetts, moved to amend by the adoption of the minority report, which was resolved in the affirmative, and the report was adopted as amended.

The next report, page 5919, from the Judiciary Committee, on the decisions of Grand Sire STUART, pages 5279 and 5280, revised Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5920, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. G. WINN, was considered and adopted

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, Past Grand Master, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5921, from the same committee, on the appeal of Pacific Lodge, No. 200, of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5922, from the same committee, on the appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, Past Grand Master, on the ground that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania passed a resolution in contravention of its by-laws, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5923, from the same committee, on the appeal of SAMUEL F. GWINNER, Past Grand Master, in the matter of the appeal of C. W. HOWARD *vs.* Ashland Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5924, from the same committee, on the appeal of JOHN LINKHANER, was considered. The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. SEHORN, of Tennessee, moved to amend by striking out the resolution accompanying the report and inserting as follows, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Encampment be sustained.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report and resolution of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 5926, from the same committee, on the appeal of JAMES M. ALFORD, of Tennessee, was considered. The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution accompanying—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to amend as follows, which was not agreed to:

"Strike out 'not' in the seventh line from the bottom of the report, insert 'in' before the word 'correct' in the second line of the resolution, and by striking out the word 'reversed' in the resolution and insert 'affirmed.'"

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, it was resolved in the negative.

The next report, page 5927, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, touching the establishment of the Order in Austria, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the special committee on the death of JNO. A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5928, from the Committee on Petitions, recommending the establishment of a Grand Lodge in Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5929, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, touching the exclusion of membership of Indians and persons of mixed blood, was considered in connection with the minority report on the same subject. The question being—

On motion of Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, to adopt the majority report—

Rep. HAMMOND, of Nevada, moved to amend by striking out the word "majority" and inserting the word "minority."

Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. WHITE, of Nevada," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the majority report, it was agreed to.

The next report, page 5931, from the Committee on History of Odd-Fellowship, on so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to that subject, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. SMITH, of Illinois, page 5856, upon a subject of voting twice in a trial, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5932, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution and By-Laws of Vermillion Lodge, of Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5934, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of D. W. STONE, of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5935, from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of JOSEPH B. FITHIAN, of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5939, from the special committee on a form of ceremony for celebrating the anniversary of Odd-Fellowship, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5940, from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of Salt Lake Lodge, No. 2, and Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, of Utah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the special committee on the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5942, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, recommending a modification in the restrictions in the charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, of estimates of receipts and expenditures, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 5945, from the Committee on Petitions, upon the preamble and resolution of Rep. NOLTNER, of Oregon, for the formation of Grand Lodges in Washington and Idaho Territories, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, upon the decisions of the Grand Sire during the recess, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. LATHAM, of Virginia, the vote just had adopting the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, in relation to the restriction as to qualification for membership contained in the charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia, page 5942, was reconsidered.

The question being on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, found on page 5942—.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, made the following point of order:

"That the proposed erasure of the restriction in the charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia operates as an amendment of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that no amendment can be adopted unless it is proposed by two Grand Lodges, and lies over one year."

The Chair ruled the point of order well taken, "for the reason that the Grand Lodge of Australia being under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the proposed legislation would operate as an amendment to the Constitution." The report was accordingly declared out of order.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, the Lodge adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when—

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, the rule requiring reports to lie over for one day, was suspended for the remainder of the session.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. F. A. BOEHMER, of State Capitol Lodge, No. —, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully report that the records in the case show that Bro. BOEHMER was indebted to the Lodge at the time of his wife's decease to an amount sufficient to debar him from claiming her funeral benefits. The District Deputy Grand Master, however, decided that the brother was entitled to the benefits, because of a fine that had been deducted from the amount of money that he had paid into the Lodge. From this decision an appeal was taken to the Grand Master, who decided that the appellant was not entitled to benefits, because "on the 12th day of March, 1872, he paid ten dollars and received credit, which cleared him of all indebtedness to the Lodge and a balance in his favor of several dollars, and on the 1st day of October, 1872, there was a balance to his credit of twenty-two cents. The dues accruing from this date until February 25, 1873, (the date of the death of his wife,) left him in arrears to the Lodge the sum of two dollars and thirty-eight cents.

"The quarterly dues being one dollar and fifty-six cents, left him eighty-two cents in arrears to the Lodge at the date of the death of his wife."

The decision of the Grand Master was confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and from the decision of that body an appeal was taken

Your committee are unable to discover any just grounds of appeal. If members in arrears can be allowed to go back to discover some *fine* that it is alleged ought not to have been included in the indebtedness, but to which no objection nor protest was made at the time of payment, it would scarcely be possible to ascertain the exact standing of members in a Lodge Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be sustained.

NATHAN PORTER,
AARON B. CRANE,
ROBERT LEBBY,
JAMES WOODYATT,
GEORGE DAMON,
ALF. D. JONES

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of certain Patriarchs of Illinois, for the revival of Illinois Encampment, No. 3, of Chicago, the original charter having been granted by this Grand Lodge, respectfully report as follows:

There are fourteen applicants for said revival, only one of whom was a member of said defunct Encampment, he being the only one who can be

found. The Grand Patriarch of Illinois also recommends that the Encampment be revived.

Although the original charter in this case was issued by this Grand Lodge, it would not be authorized to revive said Encampment without the consent of the Grand Encampment within whose jurisdiction it is to be located. The committee are of the opinion, however, that it would be better that the Grand Encampment of Illinois should authorize the revival in this case, and issue the new charter which will be required, and to this end submit the following resolution and ask its adoption:

Resolved, That said petition, with the cards and accompanying papers, be forwarded to the Grand Encampment of Illinois, and that it be authorized, if it deem proper to grant the prayer of the petition, to issue a new charter in lieu of the original one issued by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
R. M. JOHNSON,
D. G. PALMER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
J. K. BUNDY.

Rep. ALEXANDER, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application for a Grand Lodge in the Republic of Switzerland, have had the same under consideration, and submit the following report:

The late hour of the session at which said petition was referred to the committee—it being Friday afternoon—renders it impracticable to give the subject that careful consideration which its importance seems to demand. The reasons which induced this Grand Lodge to charter "The Grand Lodge of the German Empire" as an independent sovereignty, are applicable to some extent in this case. Yet the weak condition of the Order in Switzerland, and the small area of territory to be governed by an independent sovereignty, should one be estalished there, induee the committee to hesitate before they recommend that measure. It may be well, however, that a Grand Lodge, with the ordinary powers and privileges, be organized at the present time, and the question of an independent sovereignty, or additional powers, be left for future legislation, in case anything of that nature should hereafter be deemed advisable. The following resolutions are therefore submitted:

Resolved, That a charter for a Grand Lodge be granted to the petitioners, on condition that this Grand Lodge shall not incur any expense for a Grand Representative from said jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the said Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name of "The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Republic of Switzerland of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire shall appoint some competent brother residing in said Republic, if such one can be found, to institute said Grand Lodge, and that this Grand Lodge shall not incur any expense on account of said institution, nor receive any dues from said jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. ALEXANDER,
JOHN HAMLIN,
EDWARD R. SHIPLEY,
R. M. JOHNSON,
D. G. PALMER,
WM. H. FOULK,
J. K. BUNDY.

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, that section 491, Digest, which reads: The charge of the Royal Purple degree succeeding the obligation cannot be conferred on more than one Patriarch at the same time, and all laws which conflict with the Ritual for Subordinate Encampments adopted at this session, be and are hereby repealed, have considered the same, and report that there is no legislation necessary on this subject, as the Representatives from this Grand Body will promulgate our action through the several jurisdictions at the proper time.

E. J. HAMILTON,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
HENRY F. GAREY,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
M. E. WILCOX,
SEATON GALES,
GEO. EDWARDS.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. POND, of Connecticut, on the subject of the adoption of a design for a jewel to be worn by District Deputy Grand Masters, and also of a jewel to be worn by District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, beg leave to report, that should they be disposed to make a favorable report there is not sufficient time left to them at this session to mature any proper recommendation on the subject. The resolution of the Representative, offered at this late hour, comes too late for action. They therefore report the following: That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY F. GAREY,
E. J. HAMILTON,
MARTIN WHITE,
J. F. HARTSHORN,
SEATON GALES,
JOHN R. TOMPKINS,
M. E. WILCOX,
W. RICHARDSON,
GEO. EDWARDS.

Rep. MANSUR, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Assistant Grand Secretary, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, shall give bond, with at least two securities, to this Grand Lodge, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, the bond to be approved by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of all the duties of his office, and to account for all monies that shall come into his hands by virtue of his said office.

Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, seconded by Reps. EMPIE, of Kansas, RANKIN, of Michigan, and SMITH, of Illinois:

Amend Article XVI, section 2, by adding thereto as follows:

"And provided further, that State Grand Bodies may provide by legislation for the admission to membership of Indians, or persons of Indian descent, in whole or in part, who have abandoned their tribal relations," so that the section will read:

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the universe; *provided, however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation; *and provided further*, that State Grand Bodies may provide by legislation for the admission to membership of Indians, or persons of Indian descent, in whole or in part, who have abandoned their tribal relations.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of the address of welcome of the M. W. Grand Sire to the visiting brothers of Bunker Hill Encampment, No. 5, of Charlestown, Massachusetts, also of the reply of the Chief Patriarch of that Encampment, be requested, and that they be entered in the revised Journal of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. BIXBY, of Minnesota, moved the following rosolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the revised Rituals to be prepared by the Grand Secretary as revised at this session be furnished the Grand Jurisdictions for one year at fifty cents per copy.

Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to which was referred the preamble and resolution offered by FRED. D. STUART, Past Grand Sire, page 5784 Journal, touching the purchase of a lot and the erection of a building to be occupied as an office for the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and a safe repository for the property of this R. W. Grand Body, have had the subject-matter under consideration and respectfully report, that they are of the opinion that the time has arrived when such a building should be provided. In view of that fact, agreeably to the requirements of the resolution authorizing their appointment, they have made inquiry as to the locality of a lot and the cost of such a building as is contemplated, and find that nothing can be done satisfactorily this session to accomplish the desired object. They therefore recommend that the committee be continued, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer be added thereto; said committee to prepare a plan of a suitable building, ascertain the cost of the same, and determine upon the approximate locality of a lot and cost thereof, and report at the next session of this R. W. Grand Body

FRED. D. STUART,
THOS. C. PORTER,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
J. S. TICKNOR.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to furnish each Representative present, (unless heretofore supplied,) with one copy of the Book of Forms.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Deputy Grand Sire M. J. DURHAM, for the courteous, able, and satisfactory manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Grand Body at the present session.

Rep. NEEDLES, of Illinois, moved the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered to the public press of the city of Baltimore for their enterprise and promptness in the procuring and publishing comprehensive proceedings of this R. W. Grand Body during the present session.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be presented to our worthy brother, J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania, for the very valuable assistance which he has rendered in forwarding the business of this session.

Rep. PORTER, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS this R. W. Grand Lodge has authorized the election of Financial Scribes in Encampments; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee who have the printing of the new Encampment Charge Books confided to them, are hereby authorized and directed to insert the proper obligations, &c., for the proper installation of those officers when elected.

Rep. ESTEE, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to the postoffice address of the several members of this Grand Body sixteen copies of the daily Journal of to-day.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to Bro. JOHN T. FORD for the invitation extended to this body by him to visit his Opera House during this session.

Rep. TURNER, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed by the Grand Sire, whose duty it shall be to report to this Grand Body, at its next session, a suitable street uniform which may be used by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments on parade, in order that street uniforms for Lodges and Encampments be the same in all jurisdictions.

The Chair named the committee provided for by the resolution as follows:

Committee on Street Uniform.—Reps. TURNER, of Ohio; TICKNOR, of Illinois; SHIELDS, of Alabama; DRISCOL, of Rhode Island, and Bro. NICHOLSON, of Pennsylvania, P. G. Sire.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Finance Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have considered the subject of furnishing supplies to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, as found in report of the Grand Secretary, at a reduced price. We recommend a reduction of twenty-five per cent. on all supplies which may be purchased by said Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of the United States, except cards, which shall be furnished at ten per cent. above cost.

Respectfully submitted.

ERIE J. LEECH,
JOHN MEDOLE,
A. NOLTNER,
J. C. SMITH,
JAMES YORSTON,
M. M. ESTEE.

Rep. ESTEE, of California, moved that hereafter no new matter be entertained, except by consent of two-thirds of the members present, which was not agreed to.

Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to have the form of the diploma altered, so as to adapt it to the signatures of the officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, Past Grand Sire, the Lodge took up for consideration the resolution of Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, page 5944 Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That some person, to be named by the Committee on Printing Supplies, be authorized and directed to have the Subordinate Degree book, the Rebekah Degree book, the Degree Lodge Installation, the Grand Lodge Charge book, the Subordinate Encampment Charge book, and the Grand Encampment Charge book, adopted as the unwritten work of the Order, at this session, printed in style and character of workmanship similar to former editions.

Resolved, That the above named works shall go into effect, and shall be the work of the Order in all Degree Lodges, Subordinate Encampments, Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, on and after the 1st day of Janu-

ary, 1874, and that the Grand Secretary furnish the several jurisdictions and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, with the above named books of charges and forms, at the prices heretofore charged for such books; and further, that the Grand Secretary be authorized to forward to the Grand Sire of the German Empire, and to Special Deputy H. VINE, of Australasia, copies of the various books above named.

Resolved, That the names of the Representatives who are members of this Grand Lodge, at this session, be put in the various books as heretofore.

Resolved, That $...., or as much thereof as may be needed, be appropriated to carry out the foregoing resolution, and also to pay for the services of the person employed to edit the work.

The question being on the first resolution—

Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, moved to amend by substituting the following for the first resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision be continued, and that said committee be authorized and directed to have the Subordinate Degree book, the Rebekah Degree book, the Degree Lodge Installation book, the Grand Lodge Charge book, the Subordinate Encampment Charge book, and the Grand Encampment Charge book, adopted as the work of the Order at this session, prepared in accordance with the vote of this Lodge; and that they hand said perfected books over to the Committee on Printing Supplies, who are hereby directed to have the same printed in style and character of workmanship similar to recent editions.

The question being on the second resolution—

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows: Strike out all after 1874 and insert the following:

Resolved, That all State and Territorial Grand Bodies be furnished with a sufficient number of the revised books adopted at this session, to replace those now on hand, as well as those to be exchanged with their subordinates, at fifty cents per copy, and that the same price be charged in exchange to all Lodges and Encampments immediately subordinate to this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That after such exchanges shall have been made that the price of all—Charge, Degree, or Installation books—shall be one dollar and fifty cents per copy.

A division of the question being asked, and the question being on the first resolution of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio—

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to amend the amendment by striking out "fifty cents" and inserting "one dollar," which was not agreed to.

The question being again on the amendment of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio—

Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, moved to amend by striking out "fifty cents" and inserting "seventy-five cents," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the first branch, to wit: the amendment as contained in the first resolution of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, it was adopted.

The question now being on the second branch, to wit: the second resolution of Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, it was adopted.

The question now being on the third resolution of Bro. STUART, Past Grand Sire, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the fourth resolution, it was, by leave had, withdrawn, and the resolutions as amended were adopted.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, the sum of $500 was appropriated for the salary of the Grand Treasurer.

Rep. MCLEAN, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That FREDERIC D. STUART, Past Grand Sire, be recommended for appointment as Assistant Grand Secretary, and JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN as Messenger to the Grand Secretary.

The question being on the resolution—

Bro. SANDERS, Past Grand Sire, moved to strike out the name of "FRED. D. STUART" and insert the name of "THEO. A. ROSS."

The question being on the amendment—

Rep. HAMILTON, of New York, moved to refer the subject to the Committee on Printing Supplies, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. ROBINSON, of Virginia, asked and obtained leave to have the following paper entered on the Journal:

The undersigned, Representative of the Grand Encampment of Virginia, asks the privilege of placing upon the Journal the following statement in reference to a report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, as found on page 5942 daily Journal, to which his name is signed.

That report was predicated, as he understood it, upon the avowed recommendation of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as found on page 5653 of his report. The undersigned confesses that he did not give the subject that careful thought which its importance really demanded. He begs to say, however, in extenuation, that the report was drawn by one of the most experienced and distinguished members of this Grand Body. He now asks that his name be stricken from the report.

J. H. ROBINSON.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Printing Supplies:

Committee on Printing Supplies under Amended Article of By-Laws.—Reps. SPEAR, of Maryland; MEDOLE, of New York; SANDERS, of New York; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; ROSS, of New Jersey; STUART, of District of Columbia; Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and Grand Treasurer.

Rep. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to a committee of five to report at next session:

WHEREAS this Grand Jurisdiction is frequently overrun by impostors and unworthy members—many of them holding cards legally granted by their respective Lodges—by whom both Lodges and members are often importuned for pecuniary assistance, their charitable intentions imposed upon, and the objects of our benevolent Order perverted; therefore, to correct said evil as far as possible,

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge do recognize the financial responsibility of Lodges, on cards legally issued to their members, who may use the same while visiting other jurisdictions.

Resolved, That a member obtaining relief, in money or its equivalent, of Lodges or members under false pretences, or under a promise to return the same, and who shall neglect or refuse so to do within a reasonable time thereafter, shall, upon proper charges preferred and trial had in his own Lodge, be expelled.

The Chair named the committee as follows:

Reps. LINDSLEY, of Wisconsin; SMITH, of Illinois; CARTER, of Ohio; WOODWARD, of Missouri; POND, of Connecticut.

Rep. CARTER, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal the invitation accepted, and the thanks of the Lodge returned therefor:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

There will be a dedication by Erie and Phœnix Lodges, of Cleveland, Ohio, of their new hall, October 9th, next, in the building recently erected by said Lodges. It is believed to be as fine a Lodge-room as there is in the United States, at which time our members would be pleased to entertain as many of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge as can make it convenient to attend. Deputy Grand Sire M. J. DURHAM has promised to be present. It is also expected that addresses will be delivered by P. G. Sires JAMES B. NICHOLSON, SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, and other distinguished members of the Order. Again extending you a cordial invitation to be present,

I am, fraternally, &c.,

BELDEN SEYMOUR,
Chairman Building Committee.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Chair remarked that Rep. WASHBURN, of Tennessee, desired to occupy the attention of the Grand Lodge for a few minutes in a little surprise, which he was sure would be agreeable to them all, and accordingly he announced Rep. WASHBURN, of Tennessee, as entitled to the floor, whereupon Rep. WASHBURN addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Twenty-five years ago two brothers became members of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Of all their cotemporaries, they alone remain. They have seen their brethren, one by one, removed from their labors here to the honors of the Grand Lodge above. At the time of their admission to said Grand Lodge, *one* stood at the helm, who, faithful 'mid sunshine and storm, had for eight years guided the gal-

lant ship clear of the breakers which oftimes threatened her destruction. For thirty-three years you, brother worthy Grand Secretary, have been found at your post ever watchful of the interests of the Order, and to you, Odd-Fellows all over this broad land look for counsel and direction.

Like Moses, you have led your followers through the pathless wilderness until, to-day, you stand almost in sight of the promised land. And though, like him, you may not be permitted to see the full fruition of your toil and labor; though you may, like him, be called to higher service ere your work is done, yet, like him, standing on Mount Moriah's top, you are permitted to catch glimpses of that far-off land to which your eager eyes have been so long directed, to see this beloved Order, established all over the civilized world, fulfiling its glorious mission, disseminating on every hand the principles of "Friendship, Love and Truth."

Gladly would I say more did time permit. I would simply add, that desiring to manifest in some slight degree their love and affection for you, Bros. Grand Representative A. O. H. P. SEHORN and Past Grand Representative JOHN D. DANBURY have requested me to present to you this cane, wrought by the hands of one of them, and also to read their explanation of its symbolic significance.

MOST NOBLE AND WORTHY BROTHER: Before placing this curious cane in your hands, it becomes necessary for us to explain the construction and meaning of its component parts.

The ball, made of silver, which forms the top of the head, represents the Earth, and reminds us of the extensive field of our labor. The faithful "Odd-Fellow" cannot cease from his labor till our banner is carried to the remotest corner of the Earth, and "Friendship, Love and Truth" are practiced by all men. This gold belt, which surrounds the ball, is typical of our beloved Order. It now encircles the earth, and is teaching the pure principles of brotherly love to more than half the nations that dwell upon it. You will discover on this gold belt six links, representing the strong chain of fraternity which binds our Order, and which no power on earth can break. In each of these links is a name engraved. The first five are the names of the five brothers who met in the city of Baltimore on the 26th day of April, 1819, and organized the "Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in the United States," to wit: THOMAS WILDEY, JOHN WELCH, JOHN CHEATHAM, JOHN DUNCAN and RICHARD RUSHWORTH. It was these noble spirits that forged the first five links in this great chain and welded them in the fire of pure Friendship. But this left the chain incomplete; it was intended to encircle the earth and bind all nations, tongues and creeds in the bonds of an universal brotherhood. It required one more link to close the chain and complete the bond. Years rolled on, and no master-mind or skillful hand appeared to undertake the great work; still the progress of our Order, like the dew-drops of heaven, silently and unseen, was spreading its influence all over this broad land. Like the whirlwind, it was at first scarcely perceptible, but gathering strength as it rolled along its course, on the 24th of April, 1840, we find it an irresistible power, wielding an influence of vast significance for the good of our common race. On that day another noble spirit stepped out of the ranks of the great army, which it had already enlisted, to the front; with patriotic hand and iron will he seized the great Fraternal Sledge, and with giant strength wielded it till the sixth and last link was placed in position, securely welded. To-day he has the pleasure of beholding his labors crowned with the brightest results that ever rewarded the efforts of any living man. He sees the firm and upreared barriers which separate mankind fast disappearing, and the time not far distant when all will throw aside the badges of distinction which isolate them, and come together in unity under the influence of "Friendship, Love and Truth." In the sixth and last link we have engraved the name of this noble brother, thus associating him with the first

five architects of our beloved Order, and making him the sixth and strongest pillar in this great superstructure. This name is JAMES L. RIDGELY, who was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States on the 24th day of April, 1840, just two days less than twenty-one years after the organization of the Order in the United States. On the top of this ball, or head, there is a gold plate with the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States inscribed thereon, which represents that the Order has placed its seal upon the Earth, and under its influence all nations shall concentrate their energies for the good of the common race. You will perceive that the lower part of the head is composed of six squares, representing "Friendship, Love, Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity." Each of the squares are composed of different kinds of wood, all having an emblematic meaning. In addition, on the pieces of wood there are silver devices inlaid representing these cardinal virtues, thus forming a beautiful harmony, and illustrating the true character of Odd-Fellowship. In the first square is the White Oak, the emblem of *Independence*. In this square we have inlaid the clasped hands, the true type of *Friendship*. How beautiful the association; Friendship cannot exist without Independence. In our lectures we have many illustrations of this fact, in none more sublimely embodied than in the lives of Jonathan and David. What great independence of character was shown by Jonathan in advocating the cause of David before his angry father for the friendship he bore him. Again, in the unequalled independence which was displayed by Moses when he refused the honors of the Court of Pharoah for the friendship of his Israelite brethren. In the second square we have Boxwood, the emblem of *Constancy*. In this we have inwrought the dove, which reflects *Love*. How perfectly associated are these sentiments, "Love and Constancy." Love without constancy is mockery. In the third square we have Arbor Vitæ, the type of *Immortality*. In this square we placed the Bible, emblematic of *Truth*. Truth is immortal. In the fourth square we have the Mulberry, symbol of *Wisdom*. In this square we have inlaid the figure of a Virgin, which represents *Faith*. Without wisdom true faith cannot exist. In the fifth square we have placed a Thorn—solace in adversity. In this we have inlaid the anchor of *Hope*. In adversity without hope man is miserable indeed, but the solace of hope nerves him to battle against the storms, and brings him forth a conqueror. In the sixth square is Myrtle, emblem of love. In this we have inlaid a group representing the widow and orphan, emblem of *Charity*. How appropriate are these sentiments. What a beautiful combination they form! They are indivisible. One cannot exist without the other. To dispense charity we must love our fellow-man, and we cannot love our fellow-man unless we forgive his faults. These six strips of gold, placed in the corners to separate the squares, represent the six brothers whose names are engraved in the links. These names are the six pillars of Odd-Fellowship; like the pure gold they have been tried in the fire, and will live bright in the memories of our Brotherhood as long as it exists. The six pieces of emblematic wood and the six silver emblems added together make twelve, which represent the twelve months of the year, and forcibly remind us that the faithful Odd-Fellow cannot rest from his labor, but must be at his post from the first day of January to the last day of December. The six pieces of wood, the six silver emblems, the six gold strips which divide the squares on the head of the ball, the seal on the top, the belt of gold, the six links and the six names engraved in the links added together make thirty-three, which exactly corresponds with the number of years you have been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order Odd-Fellows. You were first elected on the 24th day of April, 1840, added to the thirty-three already named, the thirteen knots on the cane, which exactly spells your name, the two silver bands that confine the head, the ferule at the lower end, the steel point, the names of the two donors of this gift, with the name of their State, make exactly fifty-four, showing the

number of years that have elapsed since the birth of our Order in the United States.

You will observe, my brother, that this explanation of this curious and very odd cane gives your own history as Grand Secretary and the history of the Order combined. Please accept it as a slight token of the regard and high appreciation we have for your many virtues, and the great service you have rendered our beloved Order; and now take this cane, and may it ever be a staff of support for you in your declining years; may you live long to enjoy it, and the honors conferred on you by our beloved and noble Order.

JOHN D. DANBURY,
A. O. H. P. SEHORN,
Donors, Tennessee.

BALTIMORE, September 20, 1873.

Upon the conclusion of the address, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary made a reply expressive of his grateful recognition of the honor conferred, thus:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is a truth which we all know, that surprise seriously disturbs the mental balance and unsettles the composure essential to thought and its proper utterance. My good Bro. WASHBURN has so well managed his little secret that its announcement was, I am sure, a literal surprise to us all. This fact of itself would necessarily unfit me for an appropriate response, but its advent in the last hours of the session finds me, after exhausting labors, already weary in body and mind. How can I, under the circumstances, worthily meet this pleasing incident and the beauful sentiments in which it has been embodied? I have been the subject of so much love and affection from my brother Odd-Fellows in every quarter of the Federal Jurisdiction, during my long incumbency of this chair, that it has not only been a source of indescribable pleasure, but has acted as an incentive to measure up my work as near as possible to so high a level. How far in all these years I have succeeded, time will disclose when I shall no longer be an actor on the stage.

You have referred to the period of my election as Grand Corresponding Secretary in 1840, and to the condition then, and now. The suggestion has involuntarily turned my mind back to that early period, and to that memorable day, the 24th of April, 1840; memorable to me, as it determined my path of life, and I may say without vanity, I trust, that it is likewise memorable to the Order, since it had to do with its path also. I well recollect the circumstances of that election. The paucity of our historic material, which the Journal at that time and previously displays, will clearly explain the necessity of our then position as a Grand Lodge. I accepted the office, as the record will show, after two years fruitless attempt to obtain a suitable officer, and with reluctance; once accepted, however, all the energy, ability and ambition within my control was enlisted and trained to the service. On that day the Grand Lodge of the United States was assembled, as it is now, in Odd-Fellows' Hall, in Baltimore city, not in this building however, but in one much smaller, adapted to our then ability, constructed on a part of this site in 1830-31. The place of meeting was the Lodge-room on the first floor, in the center of the present Hall, and the body itself was correspondingly small. It was composed of some ten or a dozen Representatives, three-fourths of whom were *proxies*, residents of the city of Baltimore. I had the honor of representing Ohio. It was, nevertheless, a goodly assembly of noble spirits. WILDEY and PERKINS were there, and HOPKINS and MARLEY, and MOORE and MATHIOT, and SMALL, of New York; and KENNEDY, although not in person, yet by his work as chairman of a committee. In looking upon the present assembly, numbering one hundred and thirty Representatives and six Past Grand

Sires, coming from every State, District and Territory of the United States, and from the contiguous British possessions, embodying a splendid array of talent, of character, and of social position, compared with our feeble condition of 1840 when the office of Corresponding Secretary was created, I am filled with pride and wonder—wonder at the grand consummation itself; and pride, that, however humble my contribution, it was my good fortune to have been cotemporary with the progressive work, and to have in some degree co-operated with the Fathers now gone to their reward. This is joy enough for a reasonable ambition; but when, in addition, accumulated evidences of affection and approbation are being again and again generously awarded, I will be pardoned, I hope, if sometimes I fail to preserve under the ordeal, that proper self-poise which is so eminently becoming to a man of good sense. I thank my Bros. SEHORN and DANBURY from the depths of a grateful heart for this most beautiful gift—so ingeniously conceived and wrought; so eloquently emblematic; so full of moral, and so worthy of their zeal and appreciation of Odd-Fellowship. Let me assure them that the love and appreciation of my brother Odd-Fellows, which is not a mere souvenir for the day, but a record for all time, nerves me in my old age with the freshness and newness of youth; reinspires and reinvigorates body and soul for renewed labor, which, while life and health lasts, shall weary not.

May God bless you both, and prosper you and yours, and keep you and our beloved Order in the future, as *He* has in the past, beneath his outstretched wing. To you, my Bro. WASHBURN, I owe thanks also, sincere thanks for the kind and eloquent words in which you have spoken of me, which I render now with all my heart.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the copies of the speeches, with the documents accompanying the presentation just witnessed, be furnished, in order that they may be entered upon the revised Journal of this Grand Lodge.

The Chair presented the following communication, which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal, and that the M. W. Grand Sire make appropriate acknowledgement:

U. O. S. B. (I. O. O. F.)
BUREAU DES GRAND SIRE, HOCHW: G. L. D. R.
Friendship, Love, Truth.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire to the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, now assembled in Annual Session, City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, United States of America.

Beloved Brethren, Greeting:

We have heard with profound sorrow of the death of our illustrious brother, JOHN A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire. We desire to lay upon the altar of his fame, as inseparably identified with our Order, our offering, which we now commit to the mail, in the hope that it may be borne to you by friendly gales ere the close of your deliberations.

When a man dies ordinarily, we know that he but fulfils the order of Nature. In proportion as he may have acted well his part, will his loss be more or less mourned in his immediate circle, and will his memory be honored. For the most part the surface of society is disturbed only for a moment, as the death procession moves to the grave—but when a Philanthropist dies, whose entire life has been devoted to a cause whose foundation

lies deep in moral truth, and whose aspirations ascend heavenward, the blow which has been struck by the enemy is felt from the center to the circumference of the sphere in which "he moved and acted, and had his being." Such has been the effect of this sad event wherever it has penetrated. As the mournful tidings were flashed beneath the ocean to the Fatherland, and through its wide-spread domain, the heart of every Odd-Fellow beat in electric sympathy with the profoundest grief.

Farewell, beloved KENNEDY! whilst your noble spirit is forever at rest in sweet communion with the fathers of our glorious Order in the realms of bliss, we will ever cherish your memory as one of the brightest Odd-Fellows and purest men, whose lives and characters have reflected back with power the divine principles of the institution you so long served and so well loved.

Animated by these sentiments, we, in contemplation of his especial zeal in behalf of the Order in Germanic Europe, in admiration of his splendid record in Odd-Fellowship, and of his exemplary private life, tender to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States our sincere condolence, and beg in the name of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire to offer this humble tribute to his revered memory.

F. S. OSTHEIM,
M. W. Grand Sire.

{ SEAL } WILH. ALTVATER,
{ G. L. G. E. } *G. Secretary.*

Elberfeld, Strassburg, Germany, September 5th, 1873.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

O God, our father, we would exalt thee; we would praise thy name for all the benefits conferred upon us. In particular would we acknowledge thy divine aid in guiding us through the difficult and important legislation of this session. May thy blessing rest upon our Order, as we practice the noble and humane principles which it teaches. May each revolving year witness our growth, not only in numbers, but in purity and virtue as individuals Protect us from the perils and dangers of travel, as we journey homewards; and in due time permit this body to assemble again in peace and harmony. And when our earthly mission is ended, may the reward of faithful servants be accorded us.

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory, forever. Amen."

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Deputy Grand Sire, acting Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*, proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.

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a Thomas Wildey	Baltimore, Maryland.
b James Gettys	Georgetown, Dis. Columbia.
c George Keyser	Baltimore, Maryland.
Samuel H. Perkins	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
d Zenas B. Glazier	Wilmington, Delaware.
e John A. Kennedy	New York city.
f Howell Hopkins	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Thomas Sherlock	Cincinnati, Ohio.
g Horn R. Kneass	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
h Robert H. Griffin	Savannah, Georgia.
William W. Moore	Washington, Dis. Columbia.
Wilmot G. De Saussure	Charleston, South Carolina.
William Ellison	Boston, Massachusetts.
George W. Race	New Orleans, Louisiana.
Samuel Graighead	Dayton, Ohio.
i R. B. Boylston	Winsboro, South Carolina.
J. B. Nicholson	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Isaac M. Veitch	St. Louis, Missouri.
James P. Sanders	Yonkers, New York.
E. D. Farnsworth	Nashville, Tennessee.
F. D. Stuart	Washington, Dis. Columbia.

a Died October 19, 1861
b Died August 15, 1844.
c Died September 19, 1837.
d Died November 11, 1858.
e Died June 20, 1873.
f Died July, 1853.
g Died December 12, 1861.
h Died December 14, 1855.
i Died September 5, 1855.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1874.

Lower Provinces B. N. A.—Charles Ives, P. G.	Pictou, Nova Scotia.
Arkansas—P. O. Hooper, P. G. M.	Little Rock.
Florida—Samuel Quail, P. G.	Tallahassee.
New Mexico Territory—John Ritter, P. G.	Santa Fe.
Wyoming Territory—C. P. Elder, M. W. G. P.	Denver, Colorado.
Montana Territory—D. H. Cuthbert, P. G.	Helena.
Dakota Territory—T. J. Kinkaid, P. G.	Sioux City, Iowa.
Province of Quebec—George Varey, P. G.	Montreal.
Republic of Switzerland—John Emanuel Groh, P. G.	Zurich.
Sandwich Islands—C. S. Bartow, P. G.	Honolulu.
Victoria and New Zealand—Henry Vine, P. G. M.	Melbourne, Australia.
Republic of Peru—N. Hurwitz, P. G.	Lima.
Manitoba—R. D. Paterson, P. G.	Winnepeg.

LIST

Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, time and place of meeting of the several Grand Lodges as far as the same has been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Alabama meets in Mobile on first Monday of February annually.

George Peacock, M. W. Grand Master .....Selma.
W. A. Shields, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Mobile.

ARKANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Arkansas meets in Little Rock, January 8, 1873.

Isaac Talsum, M. W. Grand Master.....
Thomas R. Welch, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Little Rock

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of California meets in the city of Vallejo on the second Tuesday in May, 1874.

W. J. Garnett, M. W. Grand Master.....Oakland.
T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....San Francisco.

COLORADO.

J. W. Ratliff, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Bald Mountain.

CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut meets third Wednesday in May, at New Haven, 1874.

Stephen Terry, M. W. Grand Master.....Hartford.
Frederick Botsford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....New Haven.

DELAWARE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Delaware meets at Wilmington on the second Wednesday in October

Edward F. James, M. W. Grand Master. .....Wilmington.
Isaac W. Hallam, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia meets at Washington on the second Wednesday in January, April, July, and in annual session on the fourth Wednesday in July.

Thomas W. Fowler, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box, 802..Washington.
P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box, 822....Georgetown.

FLORIDA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Florida will meet on the last Tuesday in February in Jacksonville, 1874.

F. B. Papy, M. W. Grand Master.....Tallahassee.
C. H. Fisher, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Tallahassee.

GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia will meet at Savannah on the second Wednesday in August, 1874.

R. R. Harris, M. W. Grand Master.....Rome.
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Macon

ILLINOIS.

N C. Nason, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Peoria

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana meets in annual session Wednesday following third Tuesday in November; semi-annual Wednesday following third Tuesday in May, at Indianapolis.

Platt J. Wise, M. W. Grand Master.....Fort Wayne.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Indianapolis.

IOWA.

Wm. Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Burlington

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Kansas will meet at Leavenworth second Tuesday in October, 1874.

R. A. Randlett, M. W. Grand Master.....Topeka.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Leavenworth

KENTUCKY.

William White, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana meets annually in the city of New Orleans on the fourth Tuesday of January.

Julius A. Florat, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box, 838 ....New Orleans.
F. W. Delesdernier, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box, 828. New Orleans.

LOWER PROVINCES B. N. A.

The next annual communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge, Lower Provinces B. N. A., will be held at Halifax, N. S., third Tuesday in July, 1874.

Henry A. Taylor, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box, 506....Halifax, N. S.
W. F. Chase, R. W. Grand Sec. and Trea., P. O. Box, 506..Halifax, N. S.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine meets annually on the second Tuesday in August in 1874, in Portland.

Orin B. Whitten, M. W. Grand Master.....Portland.
Joshua Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Portland.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland meets annually in the city of Baltimore on the third Wednesday in April.

Joseph Thompson, M. W. Grand Master.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts meets at Boston (unless otherwise ordered) on the first Thursday in August and February.

Fred. C. Davis, M. W. Grand Master .....Chelsea.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Boston.

MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan meets in Lansing on Tuesday, February 17, 1874.

T. E. Doughty, M. W. Grand Master.....East Saginaw.
F. M. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Jackson.

MINNESOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota will meet at Faribault on the first Tuesday in June, 1874.

W. C. Williston, M. W. Grand Master.....Red Wing.
Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Paul.

MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Mississippi will meet in Vicksburg in 1874.

John S. Cain, M. W. Grand Master.....Okolona.
R. B. Mayes, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Yazoo City.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Missouri will meet in the city of St. Louis on the third Tuesday of May, 1874.

A. M. Alexander, M. W. Grand Master.....Paris.
E. M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary.....St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

John Evans, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire meets at Manchester on the second Wednesday in October, 1874.

Marvin T. Tottingham, M. W. Grand Master.....Keene.
Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey meets third Wednesday in November (19, 1873,) in Trenton.

Charles Ellis, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 22.....Freehold.
Lewis Parker, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Trenton.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of New York meets at Ithaca on the Tuesday succeeding the third Monday in August, 1874.

Thomas P. St. John, M. W. Grand Master.....Ithaca.
C. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 838.....New York City.

NEVADA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Nevada will meet at Virginia City on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June, 1874.

J. W. Wright, M. W. Grand Master.....Pioche.
F. V. Drake, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Virginia City.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Wm. H. Bagley, M. W. Grand Master.....Raleigh.
J. J. Litchford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Raleigh.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio meets at Cincinnati on the second Tuesday of May, 1874.

John E. Bell, M. W. Grand Master.....Cincinnati.
William C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Toledo.

ONTARIO.

J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Brantford.

OREGON,

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon will meet in the city of Portland on the third Tuesday of May, 1874.

A. J. Marshall, M. W. Grand Master .....Portland.
Chester N. Terry, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Salem.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania meets in semi-annual session at Philadelphia on the third Tuesday in November, 1873; annual session at Philadelphia on the third Tuesday in May, 1874.

Jacob M. Campbell, M. W. Grand Master.....Johnstown.
Jas. B. Nicholson, R. W. Grand Sec'y, 146 N, 6th street....Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island meets in Providence first Tuesday in February.

Gardiner T. Swartz, M. W. Grand Master.....Providence.
John F. Driscol, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina meets at Charleston on the third Wednesday in January, 1874.

Thomas Steen, M. W. Grand Master.....Columbia.
Robert James, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Charleston.

TENNESSEE.

J. R. Harwell, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Nashville.

TEXAS,

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas meets in Galveston the first Monday in February of each year.

M. B. Highsmith, M. W. Grand Master .....McDade.
George W. Grover, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Galveston.

VERMONT.

Henry R. Dyer, M. W. Grand Master .....Rutland.
Newman Weeks, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Rutland.

VIRGINIA.

James H. Waters, M. W. Grand Master .....Staunton.
William J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of West Virginia meets in Wheeling on the fourth Tuesday in October, 1874.

Daniel S. Rentch, M. W. Grand Master.....Sheperdstown.
Thomas G. Steele, R. W. Grand Secretary .....Grafton.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin meets at the city of Milwaukee on the first Wednesday in December, 1873.

Henry E. Willis, M. W. Grand Master.....Madison.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Madison.

LIST

Of Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, and time and place of meeting of the several Grand Encampments as far as the same has been ascertained.

ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Alabama meets in Mobile the first Tuesday in February, 1874.

J. P. Morris, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Whistler.
Richard E. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 450.....Mobile.

CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of California meets in Vallejo on Monday, May 11, 1874.

George H. Morrison, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Gold Hill, Ne.
T. Rodgers Johnson, R. W. Grand Scribe..... .....San Francisco.

COLORADO.

J. W. Ratliff, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Bald Mountain.

CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Connecticut meets on the Tuesday preceding the second Monday in May.

Joseph K. Bundy, M. W. Grand Patriarch .....New Haven.
Frederick Botsford, R, W. Grand Scribe.....New Haven.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of District of Columbia meets in Washington fourth Monday in July and January.

L. B. Allyn, R. W. Grand Scribe, No. 610 M st., N. W.....Washington.

GEORGIA.

John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Macon.

ILLINOIS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Illinois meets at Chicago, Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1874, at 9 o'clock A. M.

David D. Hatfield, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Duquoine.
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Peoria.

INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Indiana meets in annual session third Tuesday in November; semi-annual third Tuesday in May.

N. P. Richmond, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Hokomo.
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Indianapolis.

IOWA.

William Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington.

KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Kansas will meet at Leavenworth on the second Tuesday in October, 1873.

James S. Coulter, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Leavenworth.
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Leavenworth.

KENTUCKY.

William White, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Louisville.

LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Louisiana meets annually in New Orleans on the first Wednesday in February.
Henry Carnes, M. W. Grand Patriarch, P. O. Box 383 ....New Orleans.
F. W. Delesdernier, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 383...New Orleans.

MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Maine will meet in Portland on the Wednesday next succeeding the second Tuesday in August, 1874.
Warren G. Pressey, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Lewiston.
N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Portland.

MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland meets April and October at Odd-Fellows' Hall, Baltimore.
C. Davis Ireland, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore.
John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Massachusetts meets on Wednesday preceding the first Thursday in August.
Samuel B. Krogman, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Boston.
Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Boston.

MINNESOTA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Minnesota meets in Lake city.
Jennings King, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....
J. Fletcher Williams, R. W. Grand Scribe .....St. Paul.

MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Michigan meets in Lansing third Monday in January, 1874.
A. Ferguson, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....East Saginaw.
F. M. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Jackson.

MISSISSIPPI.

R. B. Mayes, R. W. Grand Scribe .....Yazoo City.

MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri meets at St. Louis on the first Thursday after the third Tuesday of May, 1874.
Conrad Fath, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....St. Louis.
Robert E. Neely, R. W. Grand Scribe .....St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

John Evans, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New Hampshire meets at Manchester on the Tuesday before the second Wednesday in October, 1874.
John L. Spring, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Lebanon.
Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Manchester.

NEW JERSEY.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New Jersey meets Tuesday preceding the third Wednesday in November, (18, 1873,) at Trenton.
James C. Stephens, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Jersey City.
Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Scribe.....Trenton.

NEW YORK.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of New York meets at Ithica on the Tuesday succeeding the third Monday in August, 1874.
Thos. Lawrence, M. W. Grand Patriarch, 133 Nassau st...New York.
C. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box, 838.....New York.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Richard J. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington.

OHIO.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio meets at Cleveland on the first Tuesday of May, 1874.
James A. Armstrong, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Cincinnati.
Joseph Dowdall, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Columbus.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe.....London.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania meets in semi-annual session at Philadelphia on Monday preceding the third Tuesday in November, 1873; annual session at Philadelphia on Monday preceding the third Tuesday in May, 1874.
James McGahey, M. W. Grand Patriach.....Philadelphia.
James B. Nicholson, R.W. Grand Scribe, 146 N. 6th street, Philadelphia.

RHODE ISLAND.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Rhode Island meets on Monday before the first Tuesday in August in Providence.
Jonathan P. Jenks, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Pawtucket.
John F. Driscol, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

J. E. Meyer, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Charleston.

TENNESSEE.

R. H. Barry, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Nashville.

TEXAS.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Texas meets first Tuesday in February each year.
L. F. DeLesdernier, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Houston.
George W. Grover, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Galveston.

VERMONT.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Vermont meets in Rutland on Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday in August, 1874.
L. W. Brigham, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Whateley, Mass.
N. F. Rider, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Middlebury, Vt.

VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Virginia will hold its session in April, 1874, in the city of Lynchburg.
R. P. Button, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Lynchburg.
Wm. J. Riddick, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Richmond.

WEST VIRGINIA.

John F. Smith, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Middleburg.
H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling.

WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Wisconsin will meet in the city of Milwaukee on the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday of December, 1873.
H. S. Sackett, M. W. Grand Patriach.....Berlin.
L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Madison.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1873.

By Rep. PORTER, of California; seconded by Reps. HARCOURT, of Texas; WILCOX, of Tennessee; GLENN, of Georgia; WASHBURN, of Tennessee; EDWARDS, of West Virginia:

Amend Article I. Sections 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9, so as to read as follows;

SECTION 2. It is the source of all true and legitimate jurisdiction relating to Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America, and possesses such powers over the whole brotherhood as are provided in the Constitution and Ritual of the Order. Its authority extends also to such Lodges as may be organized under its charter in foreign countries.

SEC. 3. By virtue of charters granted by it, all State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges exist, and with it rests the power, by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast, to deprive such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges of their charters, and to annul their authority; *provided*, that such deprivation or annulment shall only be made for violation of the laws of this Grand Lodge. No more than one Grand Lodge shall be chartered in any State, District or Territory. All Grand Lodges working under charters granted by this Grand Lodge are supreme for all local legislation and appellate jurisdiction within their respective limits, except as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. With the consent of the Grand Lodge of a State, District or Territory, an appeal may be had by any Subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge; such consent, however, not being necessary when an expelled Lodge, after having surrendered to its Grand Lodge all its effects, appeals from its decision. Appeals may also be heard from a member or members of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge from the decision thereof; but in all cases the decision of the State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge shall be final, unless reversed by this Grand Lodge on a direct appeal therefrom.

SEC. 7. To this Grand Lodge belongs the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges in such countries, domestic or foreign, as are without Grand Lodges.

SEC. 9. All power and authority in the Order, not reserved to this Grand Lodge by this Constitution, is hereby vested in the various State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges.

Add to Article I the following:

SEC. 10. The number of degrees pertaining to Subordinate Lodges shall be *nine*, and shall be designated as follows: The Initiatory, the First or White, the Second or Covenant, the Third or Blue, the Fourth or Remembrance, the Fifth or Scarlet, the Sixth or Patriarchal, the Seventh or Golden Rule, and the Eighth or Royal Purple, and all Subordinate and Degree Lodges are authorized to confer said degrees.

Amend Article II so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. This Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following members, to wit: a Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Messenger and Grand Representatives from the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges, working under legal unreclaimed charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

Amend Article IV, Sections 1 and 2, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order and enforce the law thereof. He shall have the casting vote

whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided, other than upon a ballot for officers, but shall not vote on any other occasion. He shall appoint all committees not required to be raised by ballot, and appoint all District Deputy Grand Sires. During the recess of this Grand Lodge he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order. He may hear and decide such appeals as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges, or by the Subordinate Lodges, under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. He may hear and decide such questions, other than the questions arising out of the Constitutions of the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges, as may be submitted to him by the several State Grand Lodges, or by the Grand Masters thereof, or by the Grand Representatives, or by the Subordinate Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and his decisions upon all appeals and questions so submitted to him shall be binding upon the Lodges or persons submitting the same until reversed by this Grand Lodge. He is empowered to receive petitions and grant warrants for the opening of new Lodges, Grand or Subordinate, in places where Grand Lodges established by this Grand Lodge may not exist; and all warrants so granted by him shall be of force until recalled by this Grand Lodge. At every session of this Grand Lodge he shall submit a report in writing of all his official acts and decisions during the recess.

SEC. 2. During his term of service he shall not hold any office in any State, District or Territorial Grand or Subordinate Lodge.

Amend Article VI so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge in a book provided for that purpose; keep the journal of all secret sessions, and preserve and keep the evidences of the unwritten work, and such alterations as may, from time to time, be made therein, and all other records appertaining to the work of the Order, and the explanations and records relative thereto; summon the members to attend all special meetings; keep accounts between this Grand Lodge and the Grand and Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction; read all petitions, reports and communications; write all letters and communictations; carry on under the direction of the Grand Lodge or Grand Sire, its correspondence, and transact such business of the Grand Lodge appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. All communications transmitted or received by him, officially, shall be laid before the Grand Lodge. He shall receive for his services such compensation as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

Amend Article IX, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges for the term of two years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated annually by rotation; and if vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge of any State, District or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Grand Representatives shall be apportioned as follows: To every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, one Grand Representative; to every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, one additional Representative for every additional one thousand members; *provided*, that no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge shall have more than four Grand Representatives.

SEC. 3. A Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing, and a member of a Lodge in good standing. He must have received the Royal Purple degree, and reside in the State, District or Territory in which the Grand Lodge which he represents is located.

SEC. 4. Grand Representatives shall be furnished, by the Grand Lodges which they represent, with such certificates as shall be required by law.

Amend Article XI, Section 3, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 3. Suspension or expulsion from the Subordinate Lodge to which an officer or member of this Grand Lodge belongs shall operate as a suspension or expulsion from office or membership in this Grand Lodge, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

Amend Article XIII, Section 1, so as to read as follows:

SEC 1. Representatives from a majority of the whole number of State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may receive and act upon the credentials of new members, except in contested elections.

Amend Article XIV so as to read as follows:

1. Fees for charters of Grand or Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction, thirty dollars.

2. Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges, seventy-five dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.

3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, ten per cent. on their receipts.

Amend Article XV, Section 1, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. To be an officer of this Grand Lodge, one nominated must have received the Grand Lodge degree, and be a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge in good standing.

Amend Article XVI, Sections 1, 3 and 4, so as to read as follows:

SEC. 1. The members of the Order from each State, District, or Territory, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to admission into the Lodges of every other State, District or Territory, upon proving themselves according to the established work of the Order and the production of a proper card.

SEC. 3. No citizen of one State, District or Territory, wherein Lodges are established, shall be admitted to membership in a Lodge of another State, District or Territory without the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of the State, District or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident.

SEC. 4. A member of the Order, suspended or expelled from a Lodge in a State, District or Territory, shall not be admitted to membership in a Lodge in another State, District or Territory, without the previously obtained consent of the Lodge from which he is suspended or expelled; *provided, however*, that when it shall be satisfactorily represented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card; it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

Amend Article XX so as to read as follows:

This Constitution and the By-Laws which shall be made in pursuance thereof, shall be the supreme law of the Order, and be binding upon the State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; *provided*, that none of the amendments herewith proposed

and submitted, except said Section 10, Article I, shall go into operation until two years from the 1st of January next after the adoption of such amendments; and *provided*, that said Section 10 of Article I shall not go into operation until one year from the 1st day of January next after its adoption.—PAGE 5763.

By Rep. MCKINSTRY, of Alabama; seconded by Reps. WHITE, of New York; CARTER, of Ohio; LINDENBERG, of Ohio; NOLTNER, of Oregon; PORTER, of Massachusetts; STOKES, of Pennsylvania; DOWDEN, of Kentucky:

Amend Article I, Section 1, by striking out the words "of the United States," so that it shall read:

ARTICLE I. *Sec.* 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.—PAGE 5791.

By Rep. RYAN, of Wisconsin, seconded by Reps. EMPIE, of Kansas; RANKIN, of Michigan, and SMITH, of Illinois:

Amend Article XVI, section 2, by adding thereto as follows:

"And provided further, that State Grand Bodies may provide by legislation for the admission to membership of Indians, or persons of Indian descent, in whole or in part, who have abandoned their tribal relations," so that the section will read:

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except free white males of good moral character, who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and who believe in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the universe; *provided*, *however*, that in Australia, New Zealand, and other countries not on the continent of North America, in which the Order has been or may hereafter be established, and a Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges formed, the qualification as to age shall be left to local legislation; and *provided*, *further*, that State Grand Bodies may provide by legislation for the admission to membership of Indians, or persons of Indian descent, in whole or in part, who have abandoned their tribal relations.—PAGE 5957.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at twelve o'clock M., and adjourn at half-past three P. M.

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached, and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree.

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed fifteen copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session; and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to present to each Grand Representative who has not already received the same, one copy of the bound revised Journal and Digest.

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3d. That ex-parte testimony, such as reading statements from a newspaper, was offered and relied upon.
4th. That after a ballot had been had and closed on a motion for expulsion, and the ballot box had been removed to the Noble Grand's chair for the purpose of being declared, another ballot was allowed resulting in expulsion. The committee rule on these several points, thus: That a refusal to hear an attorney is no ground of appeal, and that the postponement of the trial was discretionary with the Lodge. That although a Noble Grand, when present, is required by law to preside in such a case, yet the action had, in the absence of objection thereto at the time, is not therefore void. That the allowance of *ex-parte* testimony was wholly irregular, and if the evidence to convict was not sufficient, exclusive of it, they would reverse the decision. That as to the fourth or last error assigned, the facts show that the second ballot alleged to have taken place was simply to allow a member, who announced that he had made a mistake, to correct the error, and that in fact it was but one ballot. Decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio affirmed, and appeal dismissed.
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Section 17. Any Lodge or member, party to an appeal, feeling aggrieved at the decision thereon, may appeal therefrom to this Grand Lodge, but such appeal shall be confined to matters of law, or of irregularity, or unfairness in the proceedings of the Appeal Committee.

It appears that upon the hearing of an appeal before the committee referred to in section 16, that committee decided that the facts submitted to them by the appellant did not, in their opinion, sustain the charges. From this decision the Lodge, or appellant, appealed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which body authorized its committee to make a full examination of the case and report whether the evidence was sufficient to support the charge. The appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States is taken from this decision, upon the ground that the proceeding was contrary to the by-laws of said Grand Lodge. The committee dismiss the appeal and sustain the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Report by Rep. Porter, of California, chairman.....5920
Adopted.....5951

No. 16. On the appeal of Pacific Lodge, No. 210, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This case was decided at the last session by the Committee on Appeals, and postponed until this session for further evidence; no further evidence appearing, the committee again report that a Grand Lodge is not competent to refuse admission and membership to a Past Grand which presents a proper certificate, and is fully accredited by his Lodge.

Report by Rep. Porter, of California, chairman.....5921
Adopted.....5951

No. 17. On appeal of Sam'l F. Gwinner, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It is claimed by the appellant that a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania contravenes Article XV, Section 10, of its By-Laws. (For resolution and By-Laws, see report, 5922.) The committee decide that no conflict exists between the resolution and the By-Laws. Appeal dismissed.

Report by Rep. Porter, of California, chairman.....5922
Adopted.....5951

No. 18. On the appeal of Samuel F. Gwinner, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the matter of appeal of C. W. Howard *versus* Ashland Lodge, No. 294. The case involves the proper interpretation of the local law, which is as follows: "No appeal relative to the non-payment of benefits which may be due, or claimed from a Lodge, shall be acted on when it appears that more than six months have elapsed from the time the benefits have accrued, or are claimed to have accrued, and the filing of the appeal."

Although the time prescribed by the law within which appeals must be taken had elapsed, the party appellant claimed that having an appeal already pending involving his claim to benefits for sickness, out of which continued sickness the present claim also arises, he was not bound to make a second appeal pending the first undecided. The committee overrule the point made, and hold that it was a separate and distinct claim, for which a new demand should have been made, and in case of refusal, a new appeal be taken. Appeal dismissed, and Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania sustained.

Report by Rep. Porter, of California, chairman.....5923
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No. 19. On appeal of John Linkhaner, from action of Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The facts are as follows: The general laws of the Order provide "that a brother who is a member in good standing of a Lodge in one State, and at the same time a resident of another State, is a proper candidate for initiation into an Encampment at the place of his residence." Digest, 603, 913, 1108. The local law of Tennessee prescribes that "applicants for membership in an Encampment shall be contributing members of a Subordinate Lodge, working under charter from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, or some other State Grand Lodge, *where no Encampment exists.* A brother, member of a Lodge in New York, *where Encampments exist*, and a resident in Tennessee, was elected to membership in Gayosa Encampment, No. 3, of Tennessee. In view of the local law, his admission was refused by the Grand Patriarch, whose decision, upon appeal, was affirmed by the Grand Encampment of Tennessee. The committee reverse the decision of the Grand Encampment, upon the ground that the general law being paramount, is the law of the case.

Report by Rep. Woodyatt, of Ontario.....5924, 5951

No. 20. On appeal of W. D. Kennedy, of Ontario.

Minority report by Rep. Woodyatt, of Ontario.

Considered in connection with majority report, 5856, 5857, and postponed until next session, for additional record.....5948

No. 21. On appeal of J. M. Alford, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The case, as presented in this appeal, is one of facts arising out of the adjustment of accounts between a Lodge and one of its members. The Noble Grand, upon the report of the Permanent Secretary, that a brother was in arrears, ordered him dropped for non-payment of dues; upon further investigation, error was said to be discovered, and upon re-adjustment of the account the Lodge decided the brother to be in good standing. An appeal was taken from this order to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which affirmed the order of the Lodge. The committee reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge, and sustain the Noble Grand of the Lodge, who is decided to have properly disposed of the case.

There was also another question as to the status of the brother dropped, pending the appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, but it did not arise in this appeal; that question was adjudicated by the Grand Sire, during the recess, and his decision is affirmed by the Committee on the State of the Order. See decision 2, 5804, and report of Committee on State of the Order, 5946.

Report by Rep. Jones, of Nebraska.....5926

Rejected.....5951

No. 22. On the appeal of D. W. Stone from the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey. The question to be decided grows out of a proper construction of the local law, which provides that every brother who has been initiated into the Lodge for three months, or who has become a member by deposit of card, shall be entitled to benefits when sick. The Grand Lodge of New Jersey held that the term "*for three months*" applied as well to membership by *deposit of card* as *by initiation.* The committee decide that this is error, and accordingly reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Report by Rep. Porter, of California, chairman.....5934

Adopted.....5952

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No. 23. On the appeal of F. A. Boehmer from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The case presents exclusively a question of accounts, and involves no important principle. Appeal dismissed, and decision of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania affirmed.
Report by Rep. Porter, of California, chairman 5954
Adopted 5954
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, REPORTS OF.
No. 1. On proceedings of Grand Encampment of Missouri touching the importance of prescribing a uniform style of parade dress for Patriarchs. The committee report adversely, for the reason that recent legislation has already placed the matter in the hands of the State authorities, some of which have already adopted a style of street dress.
Report by Rep. Gales, of North Carolina 5830
Adopted 5861
No. 2. On the application of sundry Welsh brethren of New York to have the Ritual translated into their native language, the committee report adversely.
Report by Rep. Tompkins, of Alabama 5832
Adopted 5861
No. 3. On resolution of Rep. White, of New York, to allow members to visit Lodges and Encampments, in their own jurisdiction, during the first week of each new term, on the semi-annual P. W. of the immediately preceding term.
The committee report favorably 5832
Report by Rep. White, of Nevada, considered 5861
Point of order raised that it was in conflict with Charge Book..5861
Point sustained.....5877
No. 4. On the resolutions of Rep. Rawlings, of Maryland, page 5767, that a member of an Encampment in good standing, under care, shall not be affected during his sickness as to his benefits, although his Subordinate Lodge may cease to exist. The committee report adversely, for the reason that it would unsettle a system which the wisdom of the Order has been perfecting after long experience.
Report by Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee 5835
Adopted 5877
No. 5. On the application from the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, touching cards and the translation of the same into the German language. Committee report favorably, provided the letters I. O. O. F. be used.
Report by Rep. Hamilton, of New York.....5839
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Reported again and adopted 5902, 5948
No. 6. Touching such uniform or regalia for Subordinate Lodges, suitable for public parade, as may be approved by the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction. The committee report adversely.
Report by Rep. Tompkins, of Alabama 5840
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No. 7. On resolution of Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee, that decisions of State Grand Bodies should be inoperative pending an appeal therefrom to the Grand Lodge of the United States. The committee report adversely.
Report by Rep. Gales, of North Carolina.....5842
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No. 8. Upon the subject of extending to Past High Priests the same privileges, as to membership, in Grand Encampments, throughout the general jurisdiction, which they enjoy under the constitutions of their own jurisdictions, report adversely—but

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No. 9. On resolution of Rep. Estee, of California, for the repeal of the "Sunday law." The committee report adversely.
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No. 10. Minority report in favor of repeal, by Rep. Hamilton, of New York.....5844
No. 11. On the resolution to authorize the election of Financial Scribes. The committee report favorably.
Report by Rep. Hamilton, of New York.....5844
Adopted.....5935
No. 12. On resolution of Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee, to authorize the refusal of "Dismissal Certificates," where general character of applicant "unbecoming," at or immediately preceding the application. The committee report adversely.
Report by Rep. Hamilton, of New York.....5855
Adopted.....5937
No. 13. On the resolution to extend the term of office in Subordinate Lodges from six to twelve months. The committee report unfavorably.
Report by Rep. Edwards, of West Virginia.....5883
Adopted.....5938
No. 14. On so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to the condition of the Order in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, Washington, Arizona and Wyoming. The committee detail the various laws which have been passed touching the relation of subordinates in the several Territories to the contiguous Grand Bodies under whose supervision they have been placed, and hold that all such legislation was designed, in deference to Article I, Section 7, of the Constitution, to confer upon such Grand Bodies only a temporary oversight and supervision; instead of which the Grand Bodies, some of them, have issued charters for new Lodges and Encampments, and have treated them as integral parts of their jurisdiction in the same manner and extent as their own subordinates, even admitting them to representation—all of which is irregular and unwarranted. The committee state that although this proceeding is unlawful it has been attended with success, and no censure can apply, but rather there is much to praise. Under this anomalous state of circumstances the committee recommend an early organization of Grand Lodges in those Territories, and direct the Grand Secretary to issue charters, without charge, to all such subordinates as may now be working under charters erroneously granted, and also return thanks to the several Grand Bodies which have erred in the premises, for their successful supervision.
Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman.....5887
Adopted.....5938
No. 15. On so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as suggests some necessary legislation for enforcing the annual returns of State Grand Bodies. The committee report a resolution requiring State Grand Bodies to provide by law for securing such reports on or before April 1st in each year.

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Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman 5889
Adopted 5938
No. 16. On the resolution of Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee, that Rule of Order 8 be stricken out as in conflict with the Constitution, Article III, Section 1. The committee report in accordance with the resolution.
Report by Rep Hamilton, of New York 5902
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No. 17. On translating cards into the German language and printing the same, for exclusive use in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire—report favorably.
Report by Rep. Hamilton, of New York 5902
Adopted 5948
No. 18. On resolution, that when a member resigns in the mode authorized by law, he shall be entitled to a certificate to that effect. Committee report adversely.
Report by Rep. Hamilton, of New York 5903
Adopted 5949
No. 19. On the resolution concerning the resumption of numbers of extinct Lodges which have remained extinct over fifteen years. The committee report unfavorably 5903
Considered, amended and adopted 5949
No. 20. On resolution to permit Grand Lodges of Wisconsin and Illinois to translate Rituals into Norwegian tongue without expense to Grand Lodge of the United States. Committee report favorably.
Report by Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee 5904
Adopted 5949
No. 21. On resolution, page 5793, of Rep. Ryan, of Wisconsin, proposing a rescission of the legislation of 1847–9, by which "Indians and persons of mixed blood are excluded from membership," and that the subject be referred to the State jurisdictions, and also the petition of Excelsior Lodge, and of sundry citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, on the same subject. The committee report that the legislation invoked involves an amendment of Section 2, Article XVI, of the Constitution, and which the committee cannot endorse.
Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman 5930
Adopted 5952
No. 22. Minority report from same committee, which approves the application of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, and recommends that the Committee on Petitions be instructed to report in favor of the same.
Report by Rep. White, of Nevada 5930
No. 23. On the resolution of Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, touching the charge of the Royal Purple Degree. Committee deem legislation to be unnecessary on the subject.
Report by Rep. Hamilton, of New York 5956
Adopted 5956
No. 24. On resolution relative to a design for jewels to be worn by D. D. Grand Masters and D. D. Grand Patriarchs. Committee ask to be discharged from consideration of the subject.
Report by Rep. Garey, of Maryland, chairman 5956
Adopted 5956
COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONS, REPORTS OF.
No. 1. On the Constitution of St. Lawrence Lodge, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada. The committee report sundry amendments, and as amended recommend its approval.
Report by Rep. Needles, of Illinois 5836
Adopted 5877

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No. 2. On Constitutions of Grand Lodges of West Virginia, Rhode Island, Ohio, Minnesota, Florida, New York, Kentucky, Mississippi and Ontario, and of the Grand Encampments of New Jersey, Delaware, Rhode Island and District of Columbia. Also of Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Florida, and Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, as amended.
Report by Rep. Latham, of Virginia, chairman....5839
Adopted....5878
No. 3. On Constitution of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, Montreal, Province Quebec, amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Turner, of Ohio....5848
Adopted....5935
No. 4. On Constitution for Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction of Nevada, amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Trapp, of Kentucky....5850
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No. 5. On Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Approved.
Report by Rep. Trapp, of Kentucky....5850
Adopted....5936
No. 6. On Constitution of Grand Lodge of Texas. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Miller, of Rhode Island....5851
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No. 7. On Constitution and By-Laws of Western Star Lodge, No. 4, Montana, and Echo Lodge, No. 2, Dakota. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Schwatka, of Oregon....5851
Adopted....5936
No. 8 On Constitution of Grand Encampment of Texas. Amended and approved.
Report by Rep. Latham, of Virginia, chairman....5879
Adopted....5937
No. 9. Calling attention to the proper authentication of constitutional amendments, in conformity to existing laws.
Report by Rep. Latham, of Virginia, chairman....5880
Adopted....5937
No. 10. On Constitution and By-Laws of Vermillion Lodge, No. 3, Dakota Territory. Committee amend, and report approved as amended.
Report by Rep. Latham, of Virginia, chairman....5932
Adopted....5952
No. 11. On Constitution and amendments of Helvetia Lodge, No. 1, Zurich, Switzerland. Committee amend, and as amended, approved.
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Adopted....5952
COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS, REPORTS OF.
No. 1. The committee report that the report of the Committee on Degree of Rebekah, page 5551, last session, has not been acted upon, and refer the same to the Committee on Degree of Rebekah.
Report by Rep. Mansur, of Missouri, chairman....5840
Adopted....5878
No. 2. Also, that the decisions of Grand Sire Stuart, of last session, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, and interrogatories 2, 3, 5 and 6, have not been acted upon, which they refer to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Report by Rep. Mansur, of Missouri, chairman.....5841
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COMMITTEE ON RETURNS, REPORT OF.
The committee report in detail upon all the returns received, discriminating those which are correct and those which are incorrect. They also recommend an improvement in the form of reports of immediate subordinates to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and suggest that hereafter, in the publication of the statistics from such Lodges, the Grand Secretary state them separately instead of in the aggergate. They take occasion to remark that there has been a decrease in four jurisdictions, whilst in the others there has been large increase. Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, is highly commended for its liberality in appropriations for relief.
Report by Rep. Earl, of Ohio, chairman.....5884
Adopted.....5938
COMMITTEE, JUDICIARY, REPORTS OF.
No. 1 On resolution of Rep. Leech, of Iowa, in relation to the arrears which disqualify a member from receiving the semi-annual password. The committee asked to be discharged from the consideration of the subject, for the reason that the subject has not been properly presented to them.
Report by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....5796
Adopted.....5828
No. 2. On resolution of Bro. Sanders, P. G. Sire, that the decision of the Judiciary Committee, page 5502, Journal, be repealed, which denies the right of a member to visit a Lodge after the installation of the new officers, upon the pass word of the preceding term, although the installation in his own Lodge may not have taken p.ace. The committee decline to recommend the repeal.
Report by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....5796
Adopted.....5828
No. 3. In the matter of complaint of Bro. George Dean against the Grand Lodge of Michigan in passing a law to assess the membership the sum of fifty cents each semi-annually, payable to the treasurer of the Odd-Fellows' Institute of the State. The committee report that the Grand Lodge of Michigan has power to assess their subordinates to meet deficiencies and to pay current expenses, and to raise revenue for legitimate purposes, (Digest, sections 831, 832,) but as the object is not disclosed in the law, they cannot say whether it falls within the power of the Grand Lodge or not. Committee ask to be discharged.
Report by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia.....5827
Adopted.....5860
No. 4. On the correspondence, pages 5780, 5781. The question presented was, what was the duty of a Lodge in cases of appeal in relation to the record, its proper entry upon the minutes, and authentication. The committee report generally that the appeal should be entered in full on the minutes, stating the facts, exceptions assignment of errors, &c., and that the record should contain a certified transcript of all the proceedings in the case.
Report by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....5834
Adopted.....5877
No. 5. On question submitted by Rep. Harmon, of California, page

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5763, as follows: "Is it lawful for a Lodge, the constitution of which provides that no member shall be put on trial unless charges are preferred against him, and the by-laws of which also provide for the payment of benefits to its members in case of sickness, if such sickness does not result from *immoral conduct*," to withhold benefits during the sickness of such member, upon alleged immoral conduct as the cause of sickness, without charge and trial? The committee answer affirmatively, upon the ground that the constitution contemplates one class of cases and the by-laws another, entirely distinct, and that it is lawful for a Lodge, under some circumstances, to withhold benefits without trial.
Report by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, chairman...5837, 5838
Adopted.....5877
No. 6. On the decisions of Grand Sire Stuart, of the last session, which were not acted upon, numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 15, and answers to inquiries, numbered 2, 3, 5 and 6. The committee recommend the approval of decisions to be found on pages 5279, 5280 revised Journal, numbered 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12 14, 15, and answers on page 5282, numbered 2, 3, 5, and 6. They dissent from decision No. 1, and modify No. 4 so as to provide that an application for membership may be withdrawn without leave of the Lodge before the report of the committee is read, and not afterwards.
Report by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....5919
Adopted.....5950
COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS, REPORTS OF.
No. 1. On application of St. Paul Lodge, No. 2, Minnesota, and Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, for duplicate charters. Committee report favorably.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5830
Adopted.....5861
No. 2. On charters for Elk Point Lodge, No. 4, Dakota; Mizpah, No. 3, Montreal. Action of Grand Sire in granting during recess confirmed.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5856
Adopted.....5937
No. 3. On charters for Fellenberg Lodge, No. 2, Berne, Switzerland; Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, Winnepeg, Manitoba; Alemania Lodge, No. 2, Dresden, Saxony; Lessing Encampment, No. 1, Dresden, Saxony; Star Encampment, No. 5, Colorado; Callao Lodge, No. 2, Callao, Peru; Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Florida; all of which the committee approve and confirm action of Grand Sire in granting.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5857
Adopted.....5937
No. 4. On the application for a Grand Lodge in Montana. The committee report favorably upon condition that the Grand Lodge shall incur no expense for Representative until ten subordinate Lodges shall have been instituted in the jurisdiction.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5858
Adopted.....5937
No. 5. On application for charter from Grand Lodge of British Columbia. The committee report favorably upon condition that they pay the expense of their Representative until they have ten Lodges.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5882
Adopted.....5938

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No. 6. On that part of the Grand Secretary's report which relates to the Order in Idaho, Washington, Arizona and Wyoming Territories. The committee recommend its reference to the Legislative Committee.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5886
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No. 7. On application for Grand Encampment of Colorado—confirming the same.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5904
Adopted.....5949
No. 8. On application for charter for an Encampment at Forrest City, Arkansas—authorize the same, and direct that P. O. Hooper, D. G. Sire, confer the degrees upon the applicants.
Report by Rep. Johnson, of Arkansas.....5917
Adopted.....5950
No. 9. On the application for a Grand Lodge in Dakota Territory. Committee report favorably, upon unanimous application of the Lodges in the territory, and upon condition that the Grand Lodge of the United States shall incur no expense for a Grand Representative until there shall be ten subordinates in the jurisdiction.
Report by Rep. Shipley, of Missouri.....5928
Adopted.....5952
No. 10. On the petition of Joseph B. Fithian, of Kansas, praying an order of the Grand Lodge of the United States to compel the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin to try charges preferred against Myron P. Lindsley, late Grand Master. The committee ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject, for the reason that the whole proceeding is irregular.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5935
Adopted.....5952
No. 11. On petitions for charter for Oquirrh Encampment, No. 1, Salt Lake City—report favorably—and also resolutions placing said Encampment under jurisdiction of Grand Encampment of California—also placing Salt Lake, No. 2, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nevada, and legalizing its action in heretofore reporting and paying dues to the Grand Lodge of Nevada.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5940
Adopted.....5953
No. 12. On application for Grand Lodge in Idaho, and also in Washington Territory. Committee report favorably, on condition that all the Lodges in each Territory unite, and that no expense shall be incurred by the Grand Lodge of the United States until ten Lodges have been established in each Territory.
Report by Rep. Shipley, of Missouri.....5945
Adopted.....5953
No. 13. On application for revival of Illinois Encampment, No. 3, of Illinois. The committee authorize the Grand Encampment of Illinois to revive the Encampment and to issue a new charter therefor.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5954
Adopted.....5954
No. 14. On the application for a Grand Lodge in the Republic of Switzerland. The committee report favorably, upon the condition that the Grand Lodge of the United States should incur no expense for a Grand Representative. That the body shall be designated as the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Republic

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of Switzerland, I. O. O. F., and that the Grand Sire shall appoint a competent brother residing in the Republic to institute the Lodge, and that said Lodge shall be exempt from all dues.
Report by Rep. Alexander, of Illinois, chairman.....5955
Adopted 5955
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, REPORTS OF.
No. 1. On the suggestion contained in Grand Sire Wollheim's correspondence with the Grand Secretary for the establishment of the Order in Austria. The committee recommend that the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary apply to the government of Austria for leave to establish the Order there, and if permission be obtained, that the Grand Lodge of the German Empire be authorized to institute Lodges and Encampments there, to be attached to the said jurisdiction until otherwise ordered.
Report by Rep. Harmon, of California, chairman.....5927
Adopted 5951
No. 2. On so much of the Grand Secretary's report which refers to Australia. The committee concur in his suggestions, and recommend "that the clause in the charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia, which reads that the qualification for membership in the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Australia shall be identical with those established for membership in Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States," be stricken out.
Report by Rep. Harmon, of California, chairman 5942
Adopted 5953
Reconsidered; and ruled to be out of order. See ground taken..5953
COMMITTEE ON HISTORY OF ODD-FELLOWSHIP, REPORTS OF.
No. 1. The committee report a series of resolutions to carry the object into effect: 1. They name the "Historiographer." 2. They recommend an appropriation. 3. They suggest that it is the duty of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and every brother, to aid the project by contributing all the information in their power; that the Historiographer shall make an annual report.
Report by Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, chairman.....5762
No. 2. Considered, 5785, and postponed; again considered, and recommitted, with instructions, 5829; reported again, 5832.
Amended and adopted.....5877
No. 3. On so much of the Grand Sire's report as refers to the History of Odd-Fellowship. The committee are gratified that their views already reported to the Grand Lodge, and the legislation proposed adopted agreeably thereto, are in harmony with those of the Grand Sire.
Report by Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, chairman.....5931
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Ask to be discharged, and that the name of the committee be stricken from the list of standing committees.
Report by Rep. Woodward, of Missouri, chairman.....5900
Adopted 5938
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The committee report that all Subordinate Jurisdictions are represented.
Report by Rep. DeWolf, of Indiana, chairman.....5823
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Committee report detailed tabular statement of distances traveled and amount per diem and mileage due each member, and also their respective professions and business pursuits of life, and address.
Report by Rep. Havenner, of District of Columbia, chairman...5891
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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND KINDRED SUBJECTS, REPORT OF.
On so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to schools and asylums. The committee report that there are two questions presented: 1st. A general one, viz: To what extent and for what general purpose may a tax be levied upon subordinates and their members by a Grand Body. 2d. A special one, involving the legality of the law of the Grand Lodge of Michigan taxing the subordinates of the State for the building of an institution authorized by the Grand Lodge of the State, for the education of orphans, and as a home for the widowed families of members of the Order. These two questions are elaborately argued by the committee, and the conclusion is reached that it is lawful for Grand Bodies to levy such a tax, and that the assessment made by the Grand Lodge of Michigan is a proper exercise of power.
Report by Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, chairman.....5905
Considered, and resolved in the negative.....5949
COMMITTEE ON DEGREE OF REBEKAH, REPORTS OF.
No. 1. On the returns made by the Grand Lodges of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas, in conformity to the order of last session, as to the condition of the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah in said jurisdictions. The committee regret that so few Grand Bodies have reported. The committee present a form for future returns, to be made by each Grand Lodge, and recommend its adoption, and that two copies of such form be sent out to each Grand Secretary. They also report a resolution requiring Grand Lodges to enforce from Rebekah Degree Lodges proper returns to them, to enable them to carry out the law. The committee also recommend a form of visiting card for Daughters of Rebekah, to be printed and furnished at the same price as other cards, and report against jewels for Rebekah Degree Lodges.
Report by Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, chairman.....5880, 5881, 5882
Adopted.....5938
No. 2. On the resolution of Rep. Simpson, of Pennsylvania, page 5826, that Subordinate Lodges shall send all persons who are qualified for and are desirous of receiving the Degree of Rebekah, with the proper certificate, to Rebekah Degree Lodges, to have the degree conferred upon them, if such Degree Lodge exists in the vicinity.....5884
The minority committee report adversely—considered in connection with the majority report, page 5918, and minority report adopted.....5950
Report by Rep. Ross, of New Jersey, chairman.
No. 3. On the suggestion that a sign and word for wives and widows be provided; also, on the resolution that there shall be no forfeiture of membership in Degree Lodges of Daughters of Rebekah, except by such rules as apply to membership in Subordinate Lodges; also, on the proposition to admit female applicants to membership of 18 years of age, properly qualified; also, prescribing the order of business in Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. The committee recommend that the subject of a sign and word be referred to the Committee on

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1st. That the committee be continued, with instructions to report further at the next session.
2d. That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary add to the items upon which reports are required to be made by Grand Lodges, "the number of weeks' sickness for which benefits are paid."
3d. That to insure this report, he place upon the margin of the form sent out the special instructions supplied by the committee.
The committee also recommend to the several Grand Lodges to obtain the following additional information, viz:
1st. Number of members at each age.
2d. Amount of sick and funeral benefits allowed.
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"That man lives greatly,
Whate'er his fate, or fame, who greatly dies."

YOUNG.

IN MEMORIAM.

"There is something in the Order worth struggling for and worth living for; for it holds in its hand, as the reward of devotion and fidelity and of noble and lofty effort, the gift of an imperishable name."

Fitzhugh's Eulogy on Kennedy.

THOMAS E. LLOYD, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Georgia, at his home in the city of Savannah, on the 31st day of July, 1873, in the fifty-second year of his age.

"In his death the Order has lost an early, devoted and distinguished member, the legal profession to which he belonged a shining light, and the community in which he lived, a beloved and useful citizen."—*Journal*, 5862.

SAMUEL BISHOP, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Connecticut, at New Haven, on the 23d day of June, 1873, aged sixty-three years.

"He was one of the founders of Odd-Fellowship in Connecticut, and remained a devoted member of the Order to the day of his death. He was long Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Representative in 1844."—*Journal*, 5862.

HENRY ARMINGTON, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Rhode Island. Born in North Providence, December 18, 1822; died in North Providence December 6, 1872.

"In this bereavement our Order has lost one of its most valuable supporters; his State an active and faithful citizen; his family a kind and indulgent husband and father, and mankind a sincere friend."—*Journal*, 5862.

JOHN A. KENNEDY, Past Grand Sire and Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of New York, on the 20th day of June, 1873, at his residence in New York City. He was born in the city of Baltimore August 9th, 1803.

"The frail tabernacle of clay has been gathered to its kindred dust, but the brilliant legacy of noble deeds, of faithful labors, of domestic affections, of official integrity, will survive the grave and transmit immortal blessings through the cycles of infinite change."—*Journal*, 5866.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLES C. MAURO, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Missouri. Born on the 15th June, 1827; on the 28th March last, in the bosom of his family, he was stricken with paralysis, from which, speechless and helpless, he lingered until the next day.

"As a man he was above reproach in all his dealings with his fellow-citizens; as an Odd-Fellow his zeal was most commendable, and while his will was firm and his convictions adamantine, his unvarying fund of good humor won him friends on all occasions."—*Journal*, 5871.

JOSEPH B. FROST, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, at his native place, Marblehead, Mass., on the 19th day of September, 1872.

"True as steel in his friendship, faithful in the discharge of every duty, firm in his attachments, upright in his every act, with a warm heart overflowing with generous impulses, and thoroughly imbued with the great mission which Odd-Fellowship was destined to occupy in the philanthropic movements of the age."—*Journal*, 5873.

STODDARD JUDD, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Wisconsin, at his residence on Fox Lake, Wisconsin, March 21, 1873.

"Nearly four score years when the Master called him, few of us remaining can hope to count so many years and so many noble, manly deeds, as he."—*Journal*, 5874.

NATHANIEL F. DEERING, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Maine, on the 9th day of May, 1873, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

"His counsel and advice were always willingly given for the good of the Order and the community in which he lived."—*Journal*, 5875.

JOHN F. HIDE, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Tennessee, at his home in the city of Nashville, on the 21st day of January, 1873.

"In the death of Bro. HIDE the Order of Tennessee has lost one of her most devoted and earnest workers. He was ever ready with his counsel, advice and labor for the good of his fellow-man."—*Journal*, 5875.

IN MEMORIAM.

RICHARD H. BARRY, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Tennessee, since the last session.

"To say that he was honest, or that he was true to every trust reposed in him, would not touch the bleeding hearts of friends who mourn his loss. To allege that he was a living exemplification of the principles and teachings of our Order, would not re-link the chain that has been rent asunder."—*Journal*, 5875.

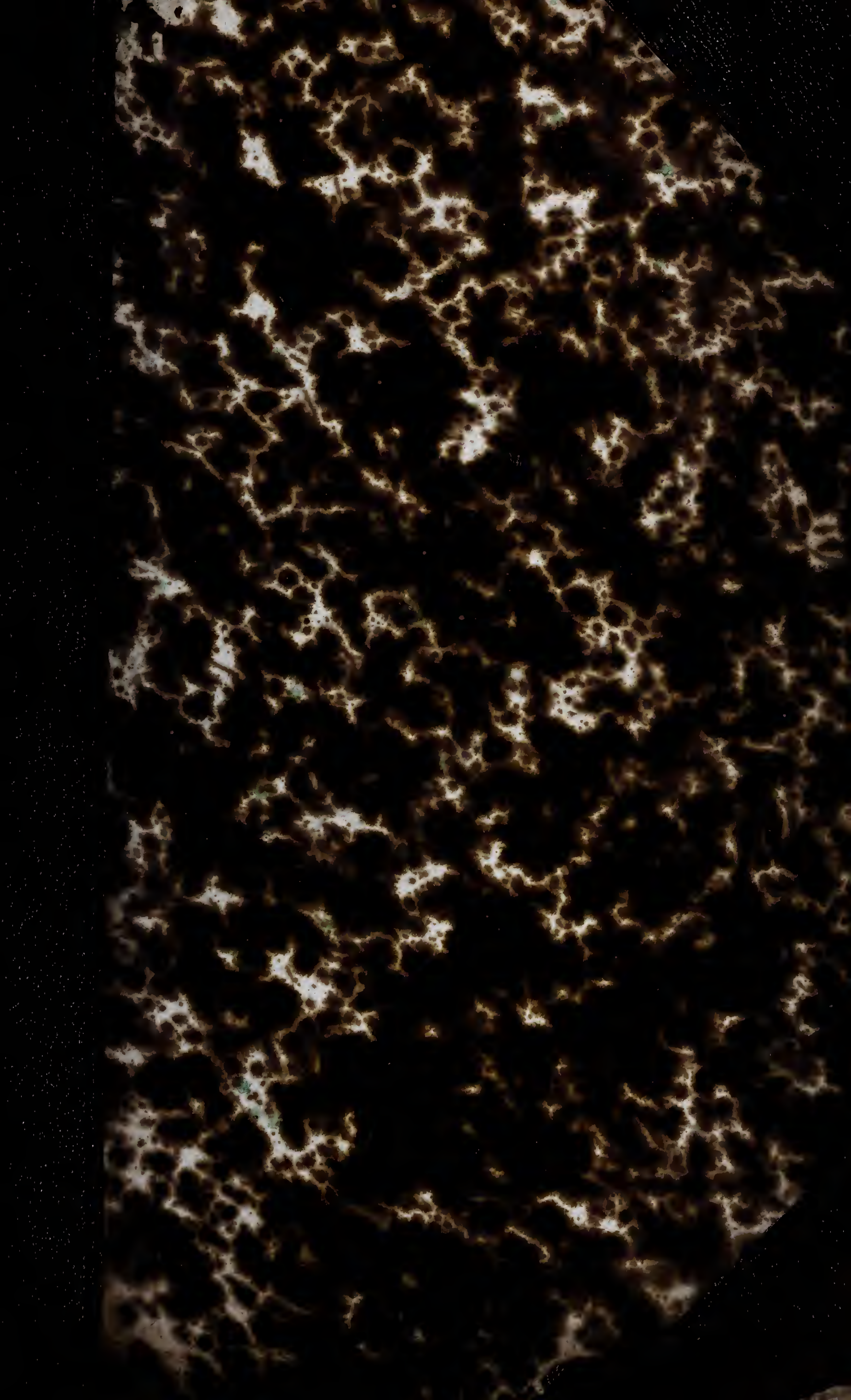
JOHN T. CLEMENTS, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of District of Columbia, on November 8, 1872.

"His early connection with the Order, his never-ceasing attention to all its duties, whether in Grand or Subordinate Lodges, elicited the admiration of the brotherhood, while his manly, sterling qualities, won the love of all intimately associated with him."—*Journal*, 5876.

E. P. HUNT, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Texas, during the recess.

"The present great degree of prosperity of the Order in Texas is mainly attributable to his successful administration during the many years he officiated as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Texas."—*Journal*, 5876.

HENRY E. PERKINS, Past Grand Representative Jurisdiction of Texas, in the city of Houston, Texas, on the 16th day of July, 1873.

"He enjoyed the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens and the love and esteem of his brethren."—*Journal*, 5872.

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